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RECORD OF DECISION for the

PAVE PAWS EARLY WARNING RADAR OPERATION CAPE COD AIR FORCE STATION, MASSACHUSETTS

INTRODUCTION

This document records the decisions of the United States Air Force with regard to the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the continued operation of the Pave PAWS radar at Cape Cod AFS (*December 2008*) that was prepared to evaluate potential impacts to the human environment of the continued operation of the Solid-State Phased-Array Radar System (SSPARS), also known as PAVE (an Air Force program name) Phased Array Warning System (PAWS), at Cape Cod Air Force Station (AFS), Massachusetts.

In making this decision, the information, analysis, and public comments contained in the SEIS were considered, among other relevant factors. This Record of Decision (ROD) has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the regulations implementing NEPA promulgated by the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), specifically Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 1505.2, Record of Decision in cases requiring an environmental impact statement (EIS). Accordingly, the ROD:

- States the Air Force's decision (See page 10)
- Identifies the alternatives considered by the Air Force in reaching the decision and specifies the environmentally preferable alternative (See pages 3 and 4)
- Identifies and discusses relevant factors including technical considerations, the Air Force
 mission, and any essential consideration of national policy which were balanced by the
 Air Force in making its decision, and states how those considerations entered into this
 decision (See Pages 5 to 9)
- States whether all practicable means to avoid or minimize environmental harm from the alternative selected have been adopted, and if not, why they were not, and summarizes any monitoring and enforcement programs adopted where applicable (See page 10).

BACKGROUND

The Pave PAWS radar at Cape Cod AFS is the only radar in the nation that is able to confirm a detected missile launch toward the United States or Canada from the east. The radar provides launch detection and subsequent confirmation to provide the necessary information to make critical, nation-affecting decisions about an incoming threat.

In 2000, the Air Force had originally planned to prepare an EIS to evaluate the potential effects of the Service Life Extension Program (SLEP) (SEIS, Pg. 1-3, et al) and continued operation of the radar at Cape Cod AFS. However, during the scoping process, the community identified concerns related to the potential for adverse health impacts from operation of the Pave PAWS radar, not environmental impacts associated with the SLEP hardware upgrade. Therefore, the Air Force prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for proposed SLEP activities, analyzing potential environmental effects of replacing hardware components, and prepared an SEIS to evaluate the continued operation of the radar.

The SEIS supplements the analysis provided in a Final EIS entitled, "Operation of the PAVE PAWS RADAR System at Otis Air Force Base, Massachusetts," May 1979. The SEIS is based on updated information and recent studies in order to address potential health effects of radiofrequency energy (RFE) from the continued operation of the Pave PAWS radar at Cape Cod AFS.

PURPOSE OF AND NEED FOR THE ACTION

The Air Force is aware that some members of the local community have had concerns regarding possible health effects from operation of the Pave PAWS radar at Cape Cod AFS. To address these concerns, the Air Force elected to prepare the SEIS. The results of several Air Force funded studies and literature reviews (in cooperation with the PAVE PAWS Public Health Steering Group [PPPHSG]) (SEIS, Pg. 1-5, et al) to address the community's health concerns regarding the radar's continued operation are more specifically detailed in the SEIS.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The public involvement (SEIS, Pg. 1-4, §1.1.2) process used by the Air Force for the SEIS included the following steps:

- 1) A Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS was published in the *Federal Register* (Volume 65, Number 18, page 4406) on January 27, 2000.
- An amended NOI was published in the Federal Register (Volume 67, Number 140, pages 47776-47777) and converted the ongoing SLEP EIS into separate and distinct environmental analyses efforts on July 22, 2002.
- 3) Public meetings were held to solicit comments and concerns from the general public, as follows:
 - May 8, 2000, Forestdale Elementary School in Sandwich, Massachusetts
 - May 11, 2000, Bourne Best Western in Bourne, Massachusetts
 - May 15, 2000, Mashpee High School in Mashpee, Massachusetts
 - May 16, 2000, Falmouth Holiday Inn in Falmouth, Massachusetts
 - August 14, 2000, Forestdale Elementary School in Sandwich, Massachusetts
 - August 16, 2000, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute in Woods Hole, Massachusetts
 - August 17, 2000, Barnstable Marstons Mills Middle School in Marstons Mills, Massachusetts
 - March 17, 2003, Human Services Building in Sandwich, Massachusetts
 - March 19, 2003, Jonathan Bourne Public Library in Bourne, Massachusetts
 - March 20, 2003, Falmouth Town Hall in Falmouth, Massachusetts
 - March 24, 2003, Mashpee High School in Mashpee, Massachusetts.

- 4) The Pave PAWS Public Health Steering Group (PPPHSG) was established in response to public requests for an independent evaluation of possible health effects associated with exposure to the Pave PAWS radar. The meetings were open to the public and meeting agendas and minutes were published on the world-wide-web at www.pavepaws.org.
- 5) A Notice of Availability (NOA) was published in the Federal Register (Volume 73, Number 120, Page 35133) on June 20, 2008 to initiate the public comment period of the Draft SEIS. A NOA was also published in local newspapers (Cape Cod Times and The Enterprise) on July 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, and 11, 2008.
- 6) A public hearing was held on July 15, 2008 in Bourne Massachusetts, during the public comment period, which ended on August 4, 2008. The Air Force considered comments received during the public comment period in preparing the Final SEIS and responded to them as required by NEPA and its implementing regulations.
- 7) A NOA was published in the Federal Register with regard to the Final SEIS on March 13, 2009.

AGENCY CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

The Air Force consulted and coordinated with federal, state, and local agencies regarding the Proposed Action at Cape Cod AFS throughout the Environmental Impact Analysis Process. A Public Health Steering Group (the PPPHSG) was established in response to public requests for an independent evaluation of possible health effects associated with exposure to the Pave PAWS radar. The PPPHSG was made up of representatives from local Boards of Health, the County Department of Health and Environment, and the State Department of Public Health.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The SEIS evaluated the potential health effects from operation of the Pave PAWS radar (the Proposed Action) and the No-Action Alternative. The alternatives are briefly described in the following paragraphs (SEIS, Pg. 2-1):

Proposed Action. The Proposed Action (the preferred alternative) is the continued operation of the SSPARS, or PAVE PAWS radar. This action addressed the concerns from the local community on the potential associated health effects. The specific studies and literature reviews that were completed to address phased-array radar operation include:

- Preliminary Measurements of the Pave PAWS Radar
- Time Domain Waveform Characterization Measurements of the Pave PAWS Radar
- Survey of Radio Frequency Energy Field Emissions from the Pave PAWS Radar
- Assessment of Potential Health Effects from Exposure to Pave PAWS Low-Level Phased-Array Radiofrequency Energy
- Literature Review, Public Health Evaluation of Radiofrequency Energy from the Pave PAWS Radar
- Risk Assessment of Low-Level Phased-Array Radio Frequency Energy Emissions, and
- Public Health Assessment of Exposure to Low-level Radio Frequency Energy Emitted from the Pave PAWS Radar.

The SEIS incorporates the findings of these studies as well as other relevant data in summary format.

No-Action Alternative. The No-Action Alternative involves no longer operating the Pave PAWS radar at Cape Cod AFS. The Air Force would no longer accomplish its missile warning and space surveillance missions, leaving all or portions of North America vulnerable to intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) or sea-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) attacks.

Alternatives Eliminated from Further Consideration

The 1979 FEIS presented a discussion of alternatives considered but eliminated from further consideration with regard to siting the radar facility and postponing the construction of the radar facility. In addition, the SEIS considered two alternative operational options. The first option considered the construction of physical barriers (i.e., earthen berms, wire mesh fencing, and trees) around the radar site to help reduce the radar side lobe RFE. The barrier option provided little to no significant reduction in radar emissions and was dismissed as having negligible benefit. The second option involved reducing the hours of operation at the radar. This option would reduce the emissions of the radar; however, any time the radar was powered down, the United States and Canada would have no ground-based warning of a missile attack on the East Coast as well as result in degraded Space Situational Awareness. This option was dismissed as being operationally unacceptable due to national security.

Because the primary concerns raised during the scoping process for this SEIS involved the potential health effects from the continued operation of the Pave PAWS radar, the SEIS focus was on recent health studies and literature reviews that address RFE emitted from the radar. Other than the options discussed above, no other alternatives were considered in the SEIS.

ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE ALTERNATIVE

The Proposed Action is the environmentally preferred alternative. The evaluation which included additional studies and literature reviews concluded that there is currently no credible evidence for adverse health effects associated with the operation of the Pave PAWS radar system. Rates for most of the cancers that initially led to concerns about possible adverse health effects from Pave PAWS radar exposure were found to be elevated on Cape Cod prior to 1978 when the radar facility began operation.

The Air Force has and will continue to operate the radar in accordance with applicable safety standards and has implemented appropriate administrative controls to prevent personnel and general public exposure to RFE.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES

Environmental Consequences of the proposed action were detailed in the SEIS (pg. 4-1) The primary concern raised during the scoping process was the potential health effects of operating the Pave PAWS radar. This concern has been raised because of the higher than expected rate of a number of cancers on Cape Cod. Based on public input, three primary actions regarding the operation of the Pave PAWS radar were identified, including:

Measuring the average and peak radar exposures experienced by the community and then
using these measurements to develop models to predict radar exposure of people living in
the area,

- Analyzing plausible health outcomes from the radar exposure using descriptive epidemiology, and
- Characterizing special features of the Pave PAWS waveform based on hypotheses proposed by the public.

A recent (2004) action that occurred at Cape Cod AFS was the implementation of the Service Life Extension Program (SLEP). SLEP replacement equipment, computer components, and rehosting software would not change the power output or characteristics of the RFE being emitted from the radar. No cumulative impacts have occurred as a result of implementing SLEP activities at Cape Cod AFS. Other RFE emitting sources on or in the vicinity of Cape Cod AFS were evaluated to determine whether cumulative environmental impacts could result from the continued operation of the Pave PAWS radar in conjunction with other past, present, or reasonably foreseeable future actions.

The Defense Satellite Communication System (DSCS) and Milstar communication system contributions to the general RFE environment would not adversely impact the health and safety of the surrounding communities. An EA addressing the installation and operation of the Milstar fixed-communication control station at Cape Cod AFS was completed in April 2002; the EA resulted in a FONSI. No cumulative impacts are anticipated.

The measurements conducted around the DSCS antenna indicated that exposures were below the occupational exposure limits for the system, as specified in Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) C95.1-1999. Accordingly, the highest measurement was obtained directly in front of the feedhorn (i.e., extension protruding from the aperture), which is the actual RFE source for the aperture. This measurement was only obtained by using a man lift; therefore, this exposure is not possible at ground level. Furthermore, due to the operational angles that DSCS uses to communicate with satellites, the potential impact of sidelobe energy within surrounding communities is unlikely, and impact of the main beam is not possible. No cumulative impacts are anticipated.

A. HEALTH AND SAFETY

As discussed in the SEIS (Pg. 41-, et al), measurements collected during RFE surveys at Cape Cod AFS and outside the Cape Cod AFS boundary were below the applicable IEEE general public exposure limit. The RFE exposure levels measured during the surveys indicate that no known health hazards exist based on the low-intensity RFE from Pave PAWS. None of the RFE measurements outside the boundaries of Cape Cod AFS could produce a Specific Absorption Rate (SAR) greater than the 0.08 watts per kilogram (W/kg) permissible exposure level (PEL) established by IEEE, Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and other regulatory agencies.

The impact of RFE from the Pave PAWS radar and other existing and proposed RFE emitters would not adversely impact the health and safety of workers at Cape Cod AFS or individuals living in the surrounding communities. No RFE measurements were above applicable safety limits. Therefore, based on the available data, no adverse health effects would be associated with the RFE emissions from the Pave PAWS radar.

The Air Force will continue to operate the Pave PAWS radar and other RFE emitters at Cape Cod AFS in accordance with Air Force Occupational Safety and Health (AFOSH) Standard 48-9, Radiofrequency Radiation Safety Program, which includes implementation of appropriate administrative controls to prevent personnel exposure to RFE.

B. CAPE COD AIR FORCE STATION RADIOFREQUENCY STUDIES/REVIEWS

Although the scientific evidence indicates that adverse health effects related to RFE in general are limited primarily to thermal effects, some theories have been put forward that suggest low-level RFE may have biological effects. These theories and supporting research are reviewed by the IEEE and considered during their standard setting process. It is recognized that health concerns have been raised by some individuals on Cape Cod dealing with the continued operation of the Pave PAWS radar. The studies and literature reviews listed below specifically address the general concerns brought forth regarding low-level exposures to RFE as well as the Pave PAWS pulsed waveform generated by a phased-array radar:

Preliminary Measurements of the Pave PAWS Radar, Phase II – Single and Double Dipole Field Measurements & Phase III – Spectrum Background Analysis, Final Report - This document presents a summary of investigative preliminary measurements of the Cape Cod AFS Pave PAWS radar. These measurements were used to guide the measurements team when performing the Phase IV Waveform Characterization Study.

Phase IV – Time Domain Waveform Characterization Measurements of the Pave PAWS Radar, Final Report - This document presented the time-domain waveform measurement data that was collected during the Phase IV time-domain waveform characterization of the Cape Cod AFS Pave PAWS radar. The data acquired during the Phase IV survey indicated that the electric fields produced by the Pave PAWS radar are highly changeable, likely depending on a number of factors such as the direction of the beam, multi-path effects such as ground-bounce and scattering from neighboring objects, and the type of pulse being radiated. The electromagnetic environment is made even more complex by other radiators in the region such as TV and radio stations. Significant changes in measurement readings were observed by simply moving a sensor less than a foot in any direction. This suggests that any effort to bound electromagnetic exposures should carefully consider the possible scenarios for the potential radiators to ensure that the correct conditions are used for the bounding process.

Final Test Report on a Survey of Radio Frequency Energy Field Emissions from the Cape Cod Air Force Station Pave PAWS Radar Facility - This document provided the results of measurements, modeling, and analysis of the RFE from the Cape Cod AFS Pave PAWS radar. The study also compared the measurements from the current survey with those taken in 1978 and 1986. Overall, the previous studies' measurements appeared to be generally higher than the current measurements. There could be several reasons for this difference, including limitations of the previous test systems, or the manner in which the power density was derived from the measurements. The study also found that the highest average Pave PAWS emission level at any of the Pave PAWS test sites was comparable to the lowest ambient level observed among the ambient sites.

During this survey, peak/average power density measurements and peak/average electric field measurements were completed at various locations on Cape Cod. RFE measurements collected during the survey were below the applicable IEEE general public exposure limit.

An Assessment of Potential Health Effects from Exposure to Pave PAWS Low-Level Phased-Array Radiofrequency Energy - Based on the review of available scientific evidence (including classified information), the National Research Council concluded that there are no adverse health effects to the general population resulting from continuing or long-term exposure to the Pave PAWS phased RFE emissions. The committee also concluded that there was no observable increase in total cancers or cancers of the prostrate, breast, lung, or colon due to exposure to Pave PAWS RFE. The committee found many studies and data that support the finding of no health or biological effects from RF exposures. Although there are a number of possible mechanisms and pathways by which electric and magnetic fields could lead to changes at higher power density levels than the public is exposed to from the Pave PAWS radar, the committee did not identify any evidence of a mechanism shown to change biologic processes at the power levels that are associated with the Pave PAWS radar. The committee also found that the wave-form characterization data collected for the Pave PAWS radar is similar to exposure from "dish" radars to which the public are commonly exposed.

The committee recommended that studies of tree growth in the vicinity of the Pave PAWS facility should be conducted. A study of long-term exposures under conditions similar to human exposures may provide useful information as to possible mechanisms for a biological response that currently does not exist. The committee also recommended that a replication of a central nervous system endocrine function study be undertaken to confirm or refute a previous study (Toler, 1988) that shows a significant and extended influence on brain dopamine levels during low-level RFE exposures similar to that of Pave PAWS.

The committee also recommended that any future health investigations or epidemiologic studies in the vicinity of the Pave PAWS site should look at exposures at both the census-tract and census-block levels, and try to better estimate personal exposure and consider the types of factors known to complicate human-health investigations. Future or ongoing health studies should also specifically address possible early age of exposure and/or early age at onset of an adverse health effect. Future epidemiologic studies should not be conducted unless they are expected to have sufficient statistical ability to be able to detect any possible health effects in the Cape Cod population.

Public Health Evaluation of Radiofrequency Energy from the Pave PAWS Radar, Cape Cod Air Station, Massachusetts (Agreement No. 29292), Draft Literature Review - This report was simply a literature review focused on identifying studies that link RFE emissions to adverse health effects. The study suggested that RFE and adverse health effects studies be prioritized to concerns with leukemia, brain cancer, lung cancer in women, birth defects, auto-immune diseases such as lupus erythematosus, Alzheimer's disease, and Parkinson's disease.

Memorandum regarding Risk Assessment of Low-Level Phased-Array Radio Frequency Energy Emissions – 2002-03 - This memorandum from the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board (AFEB) states that published studies do not convincingly suggest that exposures to continuous wave RFE at or below IEEE standards result in adverse health effects, and current scientific data do not indicate that phased-array RFE is any different. Current exposure standards as established by the IEEE, although based primarily on continuous RFE, appear completely adequate to protect worker and general population health in relation to potential health effects of the Pave PAWS phased-array system.

In review of the literature, the AFEB did not identify adverse health outcomes in animal or human studies related to exposures to continuous or phased RFE at levels found at the Cape Cod AFS Pave PAWS facility that should be studied or could be used as outcome variables to study. There was no evidence to suggest a cause-and-effect relationship between the county or town level elevated standardized rate ratios of disease in Massachusetts and the Pave PAWS phased-array system. There was no immediate indication to support either initiation of new, or further analysis of existing epidemiological investigations of the association between RFE emissions from the Cape Cod AFS Pave PAWS facility and any specific health outcome.

A Public Health Evaluation of Radiofrequency Energy from Pave PAWS Radar, Cape Cod Air Station, Massachusetts, Final Report, Descriptive Studies of Disease Occurrence and Pave PAWS Radar - The International Epidemiology Institute's (IEI's) evaluation concluded that there is currently no credible evidence for adverse health effects associated with the operation of the Pave PAWS radar system. Rates for most of the cancers that initially led to concerns about possible adverse health effects from Pave PAWS radar exposure were found to be elevated on Cape Cod prior to 1978 when the Pave PAWS facility began operation.

Because the community was concerned that elevated cancer rates among residents of Cape Cod compared to the rest of Massachusetts could be due to the radar system, the PPPHSG was organized. Although a number of descriptive and analytic studies had been conducted to learn whether environmental factors might be contributing to these higher rates, no conclusive associations were identified. The IEI was contracted to conduct a descriptive epidemiologic analyses in order to evaluate the possibility that continuous RFE exposure from the Pave PAWS radar might be associated with adverse health effects among Cape Cod residents. In cooperation with the PPPHSG, public meetings were held and an agreement was reached on the specific health outcomes to be studied. The study included certain cancers, neurological disorders, autoimmune diseases, and birth weight. Secular trend analyses were conducted to learn whether the patterns of cancer mortality in Barnstable County changed after 1978 when the Pave PAWS early warning system became operational in comparison with three other Massachusetts counties (Berkshire, Hampshire, and Worcester), which have demographic and socioeconomic characteristics similar to those of Cape Cod residents.

It was concluded that in the absence of reliable new scientific evidence implicating radar exposure as a risk factor for specific disease, additional epidemiologic investigations concerning Pave PAWS radar exposure are not warranted.

MITIGATIONS

Because no significant impacts from implementation of the Proposed Action were identified, additional mitigation measures are not warranted and will not be implemented. The Air Force supports the recommendations made by the National Research Council and is investigating funding sources and qualified agencies to perform dopamine and tree growth studies.

DECISION

The potential consequences of the continued operation of the Solid-State Phased-Array Radar System (SSPARS) (PAVE PAWS Radar) at Cape Cod AFS, the Proposed Action and No-Action alternative as analyzed in the SEIS, inputs from agencies and the public, environmental and health considerations, and the matters addressed in this ROD have been considered.

Consequently, it is my decision that the Air Force has and will continue to operate the radar in accordance with applicable safety standards.

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COVER SHEET SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PAVE PAWS EARLY WARNING RADAR OPERATION CAPE COD AIR FORCE STATION, MASSACHUSETTS

- a. Responsible Agency: U.S. Department of the Air Force
- b. Proposed Action: Continued operation of the PAVE PAWS radar at Cape Cod Air Force Station, (AFS), Massachusetts.
- c. Written comments and inquiries regarding this document should be directed to: Ms. Lynne Neuman, HQ AFSPC/A7PP, 150 Vandenberg Street, Suite 1105, Peterson AFB, CO 80914-2370; facsimile, (719) 554-3849.
- d. Designation: Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)
- e. Abstract: This SEIS has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act to evaluate potential impacts to the human environment and enrich man's understanding of the continued operation of the Solid-State Phased-Array Radar System (SSPARS), also known as PAVE (an Air Force program name) Phased Array Warning System (PAWS), at Cape Cod Air Force Station (AFS), Massachusetts. The Air Force is aware that some members of the local community have had concerns regarding possible health effects from operation of the PAVE PAWS radar at Cape Cod AFS. The Air Force has taken the initiative to study the effects of radiofrequency energy (RFE), specifically those effects pertaining to the concerns expressed by the local community. To address these concerns, the Air Force has elected to prepare this SEIS. In addition, the Air Force has funded several studies to address the community's health concerns regarding the radar's continued operation. This SEIS incorporates the findings of these studies as well as other relevant data. The Cape Cod AFS PAVE PAWS radar is the only radar in the nation that is able to confirm a detected missile launch towards the United States from the east. The document describes and addresses the potential health effects of RFE from the continued operation of the PAVE PAWS radar at Cape Cod AFS. The Air Force has and will continue to operate the radar in accordance with applicable safety standards and has implemented appropriate administrative controls to prevent personnel and general public exposure to RFE.

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PURPOSE AND NEED FOR ACTION

The Air Force is aware that some members of the local community have concerns regarding possible health effects from operation of the PAVE (an Air Force program name) Phased-Array Warning System (PAWS) radar at Cape Cod Air Force Station (AFS). To address these concerns, the Air Force has elected to prepare this supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS). In addition, the Air Force has also funded several studies to address the community's health concerns regarding the radar's continued operation. This SEIS incorporates the findings of these studies as well as other relevant data.

ALTERNATIVES INCLUDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

Proposed Action. The Proposed Action is the continued operation of the Solid State Phase Array Radar System (SSPARS), or PAVE PAWS radar, as it is better known, at Cape Cod AFS.

As part of an early warning network, the Air Force operates the PAVE PAWS radar to provide warning of intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) and sealaunched ballistic missile (SLBM) attacks against North America. The PAVE PAWS radar also performs a space surveillance mission.

The PAVE PAWS radar is a phased-array radar that transmits pulsed radiofrequency (RF) signals within the frequency range of 420 to 450 megahertz (MHz). Signals are reflected by objects back to the radar. These signals are analyzed to determine the location, distance, size, and speed of the object. The PAVE PAWS radar is housed in a 32-meter (105-foot) -high building. Two flat arrays transmit and receive RF signals generated by the radar. Each array face contains 1,792 active antenna elements out of a total of 5,354 elements. The additional 3,562 elements per array face are not used. There are no plans to use these additional elements, and these elements cannot be easily activated due to a lack of solid-state transmitter/receiver modules and a lack of necessary infrastructure for heating and cooling the elements. The two array faces are 31 meters (102 feet) wide, and are tilted back 20 degrees (°) from vertical. The active portion of each array face is situated in the center of a circle 22.1 meters (72.5 feet) wide. Each active antenna element is connected to a separate solidstate transmitter/receiver within the radar building that provides 322 watts of power for transmitting RF signals and amplifies the returning signal.

The RF signals transmitted from each of the array faces form one narrow main beam. Most (approximately 90 percent) of the energy is contained in the main beam. Each of the main beams can be directed electronically between 3° and 85° above horizontal.

No-Action Alternative. The PAVE PAWS radar at Cape Cod AFS is the only radar in the Nation that is able to confirm a detected missile launch towards North America from the east. The radar provides launch detection and

subsequent confirmation to provide the necessary information to make critical, nation-affecting decisions about an incoming threat. The No-Action Alternative is not a truly viable alternative as it would result in the Air Force being unable to accomplish its missile warning and space surveillance missions, leaving all or portions of North America vulnerable to ICBM or SLBM attacks.

SCOPE OF STUDY

In 2000, the Air Force had originally planned to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential effects of the Service Life Extension Program (SLEP) and continued operation of the radar at Cape Cod AFS. However, because the radar was becoming unsupportable due to a lack of replacement parts, the Air Force decided to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for proposed SLEP activities and prepare a supplemental EIS to evaluate the continued operation of the radar.

A Notice of Intent (NOI) was published in the Federal Register (65 Fed. Reg. 4406) on January 27, 2000, and seven scoping meetings were held on Cape Cod. On July 22, 2002, the Air Force amended the NOI (67 Fed. Reg. 47,776) and converted the ongoing SLEP EIS into two separate environmental analyses (an EA for SLEP activities and an SEIS for public health concerns from continued radar operations).

The EA was completed in September 2002 and resulted in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

The SEIS supplements the analysis provided in the 1979 EIS based on updated information and recent studies in order to address potential health effects of RFE from the continued operation of the PAVE PAWS radar at Cape Cod AFS.

SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

During the scoping process, health concerns were raised by some individuals on Cape Cod regarding the continued operation of the PAVE PAWS radar. These concerns have been addressed by several Cape Cod AFS site-specific studies and radiofrequency energy (RFE) literature reviews. These studies and literature reviews specifically address the general concerns brought forth regarding low-level exposures to RFE as well as the PAVE PAWS pulsed waveform generated by a phased-array radar.

Seven studies and literature reviews have recently been completed that address phased-array radar operation, these studies include:

- Preliminary Measurements of the PAVE PAWS Radar
- Time Domain Waveform Characterization Measurements of the PAVE PAWS Radar
- Survey of Radio Frequency Energy Field Emissions from the PAVE PAWS Radar

- Assessment of Potential Health Effects from Exposure to PAVE PAWS Low-Level Phased-Array Radiofrequency Energy
- Literature Review Public Health Evaluation of Radiofrequency Energy from the PAVE PAWS Radar
- Risk Assessment of Low-Level Phased-Array Radio Frequency Energy Emissions, and
- Public Health Assessment of Exposure to Low-level Radio Frequency Energy Emitted from the PAVE PAWS Radar.

A brief overview of the studies that have been performed is provided below:

Preliminary Measurements of the PAVE PAWS Radar. The Preliminary Measurements of the PAVE PAWS Radar conducted in March 2002 provided information about the time-domain waveform characterization of the PAVE PAWS radar that was used in planning the next phase of measurements. The preliminary measurements helped determine the feasibility of low-level measurements, determined electromagnetic signal screening feasibility, established the community radiofrequency background level, and provided insight about the problems that could be encountered when performing the time domain measurements.

Time Domain Waveform Characterization Measurements of the PAVE PAWS Radar. Time-domain waveform measurement data was collected in April 2003 and was used by medical and biological researchers to assess the existence, and perhaps the importance, of radial electric field components, slopes of the electric field, and phasing or "zero crossing" changes.

The data acquired indicated that the electric fields produced by the PAVE PAWS radar are highly changeable, likely depending on a number of factors such as the direction of the beam, multi-path effects such as ground-bounce and scattering from neighboring objects, and the type of pulse being radiated. The electromagnetic environment is made even more complex by other radiators in the region such as television and radio stations. Significant changes in measurement readings were observed by simply moving a sensor less than a foot in any direction. This suggests that any effort to bound electromagnetic exposures should carefully consider the possible scenarios for the potential radiators to ensure that the correct conditions are used for the bounding process.

Survey of Radio Frequency Energy Field Emissions from the PAVE PAWS Radar. During this survey in 2004, peak/average power density measurements and peak/average electric field measurements were completed at various locations on Cape Cod. Radiofrequency energy measurements collected during the survey were below the applicable Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) general public exposure limit. The validated geographic exposure data from this study was used by a public health expert to support the epidemiological study. Key findings of the survey include:

- The radar's average power density at all 50 PAVE PAWS test sites was well below the maximum permissible exposure (MPE) specified by known safety standards.
- The difference in power density measured at an antenna height of 30 feet and at a height of 8 feet was highly variable. However, when averaged over 14 measurement sites, the high sites showed an approximately 5 decibel (dB) greater signal, consistent with the "rule of thumb" that doubling the height of a very high frequency (VHF) or ultra high frequency (UHF) antenna in proximity to the earth's surface approximately doubles the signal strength.
- Samples of all classes of the PAVE PAWS waveform were observed. Long range search doublets and triplets were observed independent of the azimuth from the radar antenna, indicating the presence of secondary sidelobes and/or reflections.
- At many PAVE PAWS test sites, numerous received pulses appeared to have amplitude modulation imposed upon them. Since the steady-state amplitude of the transmitted PAVE PAWS signal is constant, the amplitude modulation was likely produced by the environment. It was determined that the most likely source is reflection from a multitude of "targets" such as aircraft, water tanks, radio towers, and the smokestack at the Sandwich power plant.
- When observing the 24 PAVE PAWS channels in a "max hold" mode on the spectrum analyzer for extended periods, frequency-selective fading produced by multiple transmission paths was frequently observed.
- Signals observed from behind the radar were most likely produced from backscatter from the main beam of the radar, rather than from "behind the array" sidelobes or "edge diffraction" effects.
- The received signal level measured behind the radar is similar to paging, land mobile, and lower powered frequency modulation (FM) station transmitters, suggesting that considering the power of the radar, there is little radiation "behind" the plane of the antenna.
- On the roof of the PAVE PAWS facility, with the instrument penetrating the plane of the radar face from behind, the measured radiofrequency energy occasionally peaked to 5 percent of the occupational MPE limit. With the instrument repositioned above the roof, just behind the plane of the radar face, the radiofrequency energy limit fell below the sensitivity of the instrument. This observation supports the findings that there is little radiation behind the plane of the antenna.
- It was not possible to distinguish first sidelobe pulses from secondary sidelobe pulses that were received at a test site. There were variations in signal levels from pulse to pulse caused by beam pointing, propagation, and the like that blur the distinction between received first sidelobe energy and received secondary sidelobe energy.

 Even when miles away, large commercial aircraft have sufficient radar cross section to return a measurable signal to the instrumentation via "backscatter" when the plane is illuminated by the PAVE PAWS main beam.

The survey also compared the measurements from the current survey with those taken in 1978 and 1986. Overall, the previous studies' measurements appear to be generally higher than the current measurements. There could be several reasons for this difference, including limitations of the previous test systems, or the manner in which the power density was derived from the measurements. The radiofrequency measurements collected during the 2004 survey were below the applicable IEEE general public exposure limit.

Assessment of Potential Health Effects from Exposure to PAVE PAWS Low-Level Phased-Array Radiofrequency Energy. This assessment, prepared by the National Research Council, consisted of a review of scientific data and literature related to radiofrequency energy in the range of the PAVE PAWS system. This was done because there were no specific studies of a phased-array system similar to PAVE PAWS in the public domain. The review included classified documentation of research that could be relevant to the PAVE PAWS system and the recent waveform characterization study.

Based on the review of available scientific evidence (including classified information), the National Research Council committee concluded that there are no adverse health effects to the general population resulting from continuing or long-term exposure to the PAVE PAWS phased radiofrequency emissions. The committee also concluded that there was no observable increase in total cancers or cancers of the prostate, breast, lung, or colon due to exposure to PAVE PAWS radiofrequency energy.

The committee also found that the waveform characterization data collected for the PAVE PAWS radar is similar to exposure from "dish" radars to which the public are continuously exposed.

The committee recommended that studies of tree growth in the vicinity of the PAVE PAWS facility should be conducted. A study of long-term exposures under conditions similar to human exposures could provide useful information as to possible mechanisms for a biological response that currently does not exist.

The committee also recommended that a replication of a central nervous system endocrine function study be undertaken to confirm or refute previous Air Forcesponsored studies that show a significant and extended influence on brain dopamine levels during low-level radiofrequency exposures similar to that of PAVE PAWS.

Future epidemiologic studies should not be conducted unless they are expected to have sufficient statistical ability to be able to detect any possible health effects in the Cape Cod population.

The Air Force supports the recommendations made by the National Research Council and intends to pursue the dopamine and tree growth studies. As they were not included in the scope of this SEIS as defined during the public scoping

process, the dopamine and tree growth studies will be pursued independent of the SEIS.

Literature Review Public Health Evaluation of Radiofrequency Energy from the PAVE PAWS Radar. This literature review conducted in 2004 focused on identifying studies that link radiofrequency energy to adverse health effects. The study suggested that radiofrequency energy and adverse health effects studies be prioritized to concerns with the listed diseases.

- Leukemia
- brain cancer
- lung cancer in women
- birth defects
- auto-immune diseases such as lupus erythematosus
- Alzheimer's Disease
- Parkinson's Disease

Risk Assessment of Low-Level Phased-Array Radio Frequency Energy Emissions. The Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, or Armed Forces Epidemiology Board (AFEB), met in February 2002 to consider a request from the Air Force Surgeon General regarding a risk assessment of low-level phased-array radiofrequency energy emissions, as phased-array radar systems are used throughout the Department of Defense (DOD) and in the commercial and private sectors, and concern had been raised regarding potential adverse health risks from low-level exposures at the Air Force PAVE PAWS facility on Cape Cod.

The AFEB received presentations, briefings, and materials regarding various aspects of RFE, epidemiological studies, and operation of phased-array systems. The AFEB also reviewed several hundred studies focusing on epidemiological studies of RFE exposure, IEEE and DOD exposure standards and standards setting process for radiofrequency energy, studies on RFE bio-effects, and over 45 studies and public health assessments specifically for exposure and health outcomes of Cape Cod residents.

The AFEB found that published studies do not convincingly suggest that exposures to continuous wave radio frequency energies (as opposed to pulse RFE) at or below IEEE standards result in adverse health effects, and current scientific data does not indicate that phased-array are any different. Current exposure standards as established by the IEEE, although based primarily on continuous wave RFE, appear completely adequate to protect worker and general population health in relation to potential health effects of the PAVE PAWS phased-array system.

The AFEB did not identify any evidence suggesting a cause-and-effect relationship between the county or town level elevated standardized rate ratios of disease in Massachusetts and the PAVE PAWS phased-array system. There was no immediate indication to support either initiation of new, or further analysis of existing epidemiological investigations of the association between radiofrequency energy emissions from the PAVE PAWS facility and any specific health outcome.

Public Health Assessment for Exposure to Low-level RFE Emitted from the PAVE PAWS Radar. This assessment, conducted in 2005, evaluated the potential health effects of public exposure to low-level RFE emitted from the PAVE PAWS radar system at Cape Cod AFS.

This assessment analyzed available data for county mortality and county cancer mortality and from the hospital discharge registry. Data provided by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health regarding cancer incidence, birth defects, and birth weight were compiled and analyzed. The available radiofrequency energy characterization survey results for the PAVE PAWS radar in terms of the known and biologically plausible hypothesized public health effects were analyzed and interpreted. The analysis utilized the analyses of the outcomes data and information in relevant scientific literature to describe the relationship among the various radiofrequency energy exposure characteristics and existing health outcomes determined to be biologically plausible. The assessment was submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for review to confirm that the health data provided had been used in conformance with the requirements of applicable laws and regulations.

The evaluation concluded that there is currently no credible evidence for adverse health effects associated with the operation of the PAVE PAWS radar system. Rates for most of the cancers that initially led to concerns about possible adverse health effects from PAVE PAWS radar exposure were found to be elevated on Cape Cod prior to 1978 when the PAVE PAWS facility began operation.

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LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AFB Air Force Base

AFEB Armed Forces Epidemiology Board

AFI Air Force Instruction

AFOSH Air Force Occupational Safety and Health

AFRL Air Force Research Laboratory

AFS Air Force Station

ALS amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
AM amplitude modulation
ANGB Air National Guard Base

ANSI American National Standards Institute
CEQ Council on Environmental Quality
CFR Code of Federal Regulations

° degree dB decibel

DNA Deoxyribonucleic Acid
DOD Department of Defense

DSCS Defense Satellite Communications System

EA environmental assessment
EHS Environmental Health and Safety
EIS environmental impact statement
EPA Environmental Protection Agency

EWR Early Warning Radar

FCC Federal Communications Commission

FM frequency modulation

FONSI Finding of No Significant Impact

GHz gigahertz

GMD Ground-based Midcourse Defense ICBM intercontinental ballistic missile

IEEE Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

IEI International Epidemiology Institute

IRPA International Radiation Protection Association

JSC Joint Spectrum Center

kHz kilohertz kW kilowatt

LORAN Long Range Aid-to-Navigation

MDPH Massachusetts Department of Public Health

MHz megahertz

MMR Massachusetts Military Reservation
MPE maximum permissible exposure

ms millisecond

mV/m milliVolts per meter

mW/cm² milliwatts per square centimeter
NEPA National Environmental Policy Act

nm nautical mile

NMD National Missile Defense

NOI Notice of Intent

nW/cm² nanowatt per square centimeter

OET Office of Engineering and Technology

PAVE an Air Force program name
PAWS Phased-Array Warning System
PCS personal communication system

PPPHSG PAVE PAWS Public Health Steering Group

RF radiofrequency

RFE radiofrequency energy
RFR radiofrequency radiation
rms root mean square

ROD Record of Decision
SATCOM satellite communication

SEIS supplemental environmental impact statement

SLBM sea-launched ballistic missile
SLEP Service Life Extension Program

SSPARS Solid-State Phased-Array Radar System

TV television

UEWR Upgraded Early Warning Radar

UHF ultra high-frequency
VDT video display terminal
VHF very high-frequency
V/m volts per meter
W/kg watts per kilogram
W/m² watts per square meter

1.0 PURPOSE AND NEED FOR ACTION

This supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) supplements the 1979 environmental impact statement (EIS) on the operation of the PAVE (an Air Force Program name) Phased-Array Warning System (PAWS) Radar at Otis Air National Guard Base (ANGB), Massachusetts. This SEIS evaluates the potential for impacts as a result of the continued operation of the Solid-State Phased-Array Radar System (SSPARS) (also known as PAVE PAWS) at Cape Cod Air Force Station (AFS), Massachusetts (Figure 1.1-1).

1.1 PURPOSE AND NEED FOR ACTION

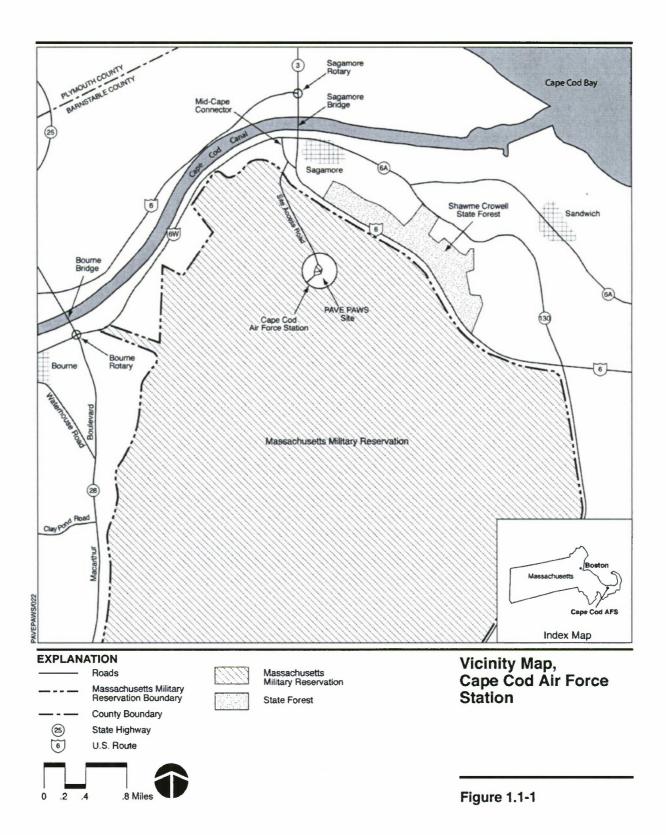
The Air Force is aware that some members of the local community have had concerns regarding possible health effects from operation of the PAVE PAWS radar at Cape Cod AFS. To address these concerns, the Air Force has elected to prepare this SEIS. In addition, the Air Force has also funded several studies to address the community's health concerns regarding the radar's continued operation. These studies are briefly summarized below:

- The Armed Forces Epidemiology Board (AFEB) addressed specific issues raised by the Air Force Surgeon General
- The Air Force Research Laboratory conducted a series of studies characterizing the PAVE PAWS waveform
- The National Academy of Science conducted a literature review of available radiofrequency energy (RFE) studies to determine potential biological and health effects of the phased-array system
- The PAVE PAWS Public Health Steering Group (PPPHSG) conducted an exposure study and public health assessment for areas on Cape Cod.

This SEIS incorporates the findings of these studies as well as other relevant data.

1.1.1 Environmental Impact Analysis Process

In 1969, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) established a national policy to protect the environment and ensure that federal agencies consider the environmental effects of their actions in their decision making. The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) published regulations that describe how NEPA should be implemented. The CEQ regulations encourage federal agencies to develop and implement procedures that address the NEPA process in order to avoid or minimize adverse effects on the environment. 32 CFR Part 989 addresses the implementation of NEPA as part of the Air Force planning and decision-making process.



To comply with these regulations, the Air Force is required to prepare an EIS if a major federal action would significantly affect the human environment. Routine operation of an established facility does not require preparation of an EIS or SEIS. However, to further the purposes of NEPA and to address concerns over possible health effects from operation of the radar, the Air Force elected to prepare this SEIS.

This SEIS has been prepared in accordance with NEPA (42 United States Code [U.S.C.] 4321-4347), CEQ (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500-1508), and Air Force Instruction (AFI) 32-7061 as promulgated at 32 CFR Part 989, et seq., Environmental Impact Analysis Process.

Originally, the Air Force intended to prepare an EIS for the Service Life Extension Program (SLEP) action at the early warning radars located at Cape Cod AFS, Massachusetts, Beale Air Force Base (AFB), California, and Clear AFS, Alaska. The SLEP action involved the replacement of outdated computer components and the rehosting of software (installation of existing and/or new software on new hardware components). The replacement of components and the rehosting of software would not change the power output of the radar or the characteristics of the RFE emitted from the radar. A Notice of Intent (NOI) was published in the Federal Register (65 Fed. Reg. 4406) on January 27, 2000, and seven scoping meetings were held on Cape Cod. Through the review process, which took into account comments received during the public scoping process, the Air Force determined that public concerns centered around the possible health effects arising from operation of the radars, rather than from the Proposed Action of replacing outdated computer hardware and rehosting software. On July 22, 2002, the Air Force amended the NOI (67 Fed. Reg. 47,776) and converted the ongoing SLEP EIS into separate and distinct environmental analyses efforts: an SEIS to the 1979 EIS on the operation of the PAVE PAWS Radar System (Cape Cod AFS, Sagamore, Massachusetts), in order to address community concerns over possible health effects from operation of the radar; and three environmental assessments (EAs) to address the SLEP actions at the three radar sites. The EAs were completed in September 2002 and resulted in Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

The process for preparing this SEIS mirrors the process for preparing an EIS. Following the publication of the amended NOI, the Air Force held four scoping meetings on Cape Cod. The draft SEIS was filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and circulated to the interested public and government agencies for a period of 45 days for review and comment. During this period, a public hearing was held so that the public could make comments on the draft SEIS. At the end of the review period, all substantive comments received were addressed. This final SEIS contains responses to comments as well as changes to the document (see Chapter 8).

The final SEIS will be filed with the U.S. EPA and distributed in the same manner as the draft SEIS. Once the Final SEIS has been available for at least 30 days, the Air Force may publish its Record of Decision (ROD).

1.1.2 Scoping Process

A scoping process was used to identify potentially significant environmental issues and provided an opportunity for public involvement. Notification of public scoping was made through local media and letters to federal, state, and local agencies and officials, and interested groups and individuals. Notification was also made through the Federal Register (Federal Register: January 27, 2000 [Volume 65, Number 18], page 4406) with a subsequent Federal Register amendment (Federal Register: July 22, 2002 [Volume 67, Number 140] page 47776-47777).

Public meetings were held on the following dates to solicit comments and concerns from the general public:

- May 8, 2000 at the Forestdale Elementary School in Sandwich, Massachusetts
- May 11, 2000 at the Bourne Best Western in Bourne, Massachusetts
- May 15, 2000 at the Mashpee High School in Mashpee Massachusetts
- May 16, 2000 at the Falmouth Holiday Inn in Falmouth, Massachusetts
- August 14, 2000 at the Forestdale Elementary School in Sandwich, Massachusetts
- August 16, 2000 at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute in Woods Hole, Massachusetts
- August 17, 2000 at the Barnstable Marstons Mills Middle School in Marstons Mills, Massachusetts
- March 17, 2003 at the Human Services Building in Sandwich, Massachusetts
- March 19, 2003 at the Jonathan Bourne Public Library in Bourne, Massachusetts
- March 20, 2003 at the Falmouth Town Hall in Falmouth, Massachusetts
- March 24, 2003 at the Mashpee High School in Mashpee Massachusetts.

At each of these meetings, representatives of the Air Force presented an overview of the meeting's objectives, agenda, and procedures, and described the NEPA process. In addition to verbal comments, written comments were received during the scoping process. These comments, as well as information from the local community, experience with similar decisions to be made, and NEPA

requirements, were used to determine the scope and direction of studies/analyses needed to accomplish this SEIS.

1.1.3 Public Comment Process

The Draft SEIS was made available for public review and comment in May 2008. Copies of the Draft SEIS were made available for review in local libraries and provided to those requesting copies (Appendix B). At a public hearing held in Bourne, Massachusetts in July 2008, the findings of the Draft SEIS were presented and the public was invited to make comments. All comments were reviewed and addressed, when applicable, and have been included in their entirety in this document. Responses to comments offering new or changes to data and questions about the presentation of data are also included. Comments simply stating facts or opinions, although appreciated, did not require specific response. Chapter 8, Public Comments and Responses, more thoroughly describes the comment and response process.

1.2 CHANGES FROM THE DRAFT SEIS TO THE FINAL SEIS

The text of this SEIS has been revised, when appropriate, to reflect concerns expressed in public comments. The responses to the comments indicate the relevant sections of the SEIS that have been revised. The major comments received on the Draft SEIS involved:

- Alternative action of moving the radar facility
- Operational characteristics of the radar
- Health and safety considerations of operating the radar
- Technical clarification of recent RFE studies and literature reviews.

Based on comments from the public, the following section of the SEIS has been updated or revised:

 Figure 3.1-8 has been revised to show sidelobe energy above and below the main beam.

1.3 SCOPE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

A primary concern raised during the scoping process was the potential health effects of operating the PAVE PAWS radar as there is a higher than expected rate of a number of cancers on Cape Cod. A PAVE PAWS Public Health Steering Group (PPPHSG) was established in 2001 in response to public requests for an independent evaluation of possible health effects associated with exposure to the PAVE PAWS radar. The PPPHSG was made up of representatives from local Boards of Health, the County Department of Health and Environment, and the State Department of Public Health. Based on public

input, three primary study efforts with regard to operation of the PAVE PAWS radar were identified, including:

- Measuring the average and peak radar exposures experienced by the community and then using these measurements to develop models to predict radar exposure of people living in the area.
- Analyzing plausible health outcomes from the radar exposure using descriptive epidemiology, and
- Characterizing special features of the PAVE PAWS waveform based on hypotheses proposed by the public, which contended that the PAVE PAWS radar wave form characteristics differ from dish radar wave forms and affect the human Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) as a result of long-term exposure.

This SEIS describes and addresses the potential health effects of RFE from the continued operation of the PAVE PAWS radar at Cape Cod AFS. The affected environment and the potential environmental consequences from RFE emissions relative to the continued operation of the PAVE PAWS radar are described in Chapters 3.0 and 4.0, respectively.

1.4 RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

The NEPA documents listed below have been prepared for similar actions being evaluated in this SEIS. These documents provided supporting information for the environmental analysis contained within this SEIS and are incorporated by reference.

Environmental Assessment for Phased-Array Warning System, PAVE PAWS, Otis Air Force Base, Massachusetts (U.S. Air Force, 1976).

Final Environmental Impact Statement for Operation of the PAVE PAWS Radar System at Otis Air Force Base, Massachusetts (U.S. Air Force, 1979).

Environmental Assessment for the Installation of Milstar Fixed Communications Control Station at Cape Cod AFS, Massachusetts (U.S. Air Force, 2002a).

Environmental Assessment for the Early Warning Radar System, Service Life Extension Program Cape Cod AFS, Massachusetts (U.S. Air Force, 2002b).

2.0 ALTERNATIVES INCLUDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION

The Proposed Action (the preferred alternative) is the continued operation of the SSPARS, or PAVE PAWS radar, as it is better known, at Cape Cod AFS.

The PAVE PAWS radar at Cape Cod AFS is the only radar in the nation that is able to confirm a detected missile launch towards the United States or Canada from the east. Cape Cod AFS is operated by U.S. and Canadian personnel. The radar provides launch detection and subsequent confirmation to provide the necessary information to make critical, nation-affecting decisions about an incoming threat.

2.1.1 Solid-State Phased-Array Radar System Description

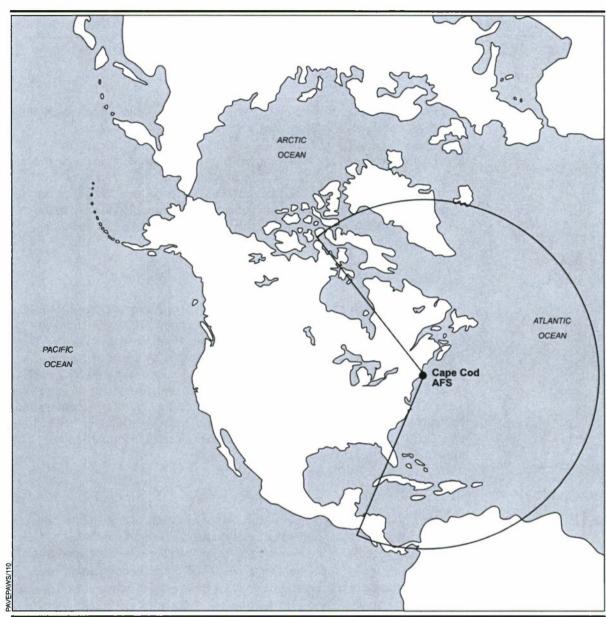
As part of an early warning network, the Air Force operates the PAVE PAWS radar to provide warning of intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) and sealaunched ballistic missile (SLBM) attacks against North America. The PAVE PAWS radar facility also performs a space surveillance mission. In general, during the missile warning and space surveillance missions, the PAVE PAWS radar is transmitting, at most, 25 percent of the time and listening for return signals 75 percent of the time. The specific duty cycles for missile warning and space surveillance are discussed below. Cape Cod AFS is situated at its current location to maximize its ability to perform these important national defense missions for the east coast (Figure 2.1-1).

Missile Warning

To detect and determine attack characteristics of ICBMs and SLBMs aimed at North America, the radar generates what is called a "surveillance fence." This constitutes the center of the main beam scanning at elevations between 3 and 10 degrees (°) above horizontal over a 240° (120°per face) scan area (Figure 2.1-2). The surveillance fence is normally at 3°; the radar's construction is such that the beam actually cannot go below a 3° elevation. In the missile warning mode, the direction of the beam is steered according to a computer-programmed pattern, moving from one position to another. In the surveillance mode, both faces of the radar are simultaneously active, sending out two parallel beams moving in a fashion similar to windshield wipers. Under normal operational circumstances, the radar is transmitting 11 percent of the time to maintain the surveillance fence, and waiting/receiving the return signal 89 percent of the time. The PAVE PAWS radar is capable of transmitting for up to 18 percent of the time to perform the missile warning mission with no space surveillance mission.

Space Surveillance

The space surveillance mission is conducted to track and catalog earth satellites and to identify other space objects. The radar is capable of focusing on



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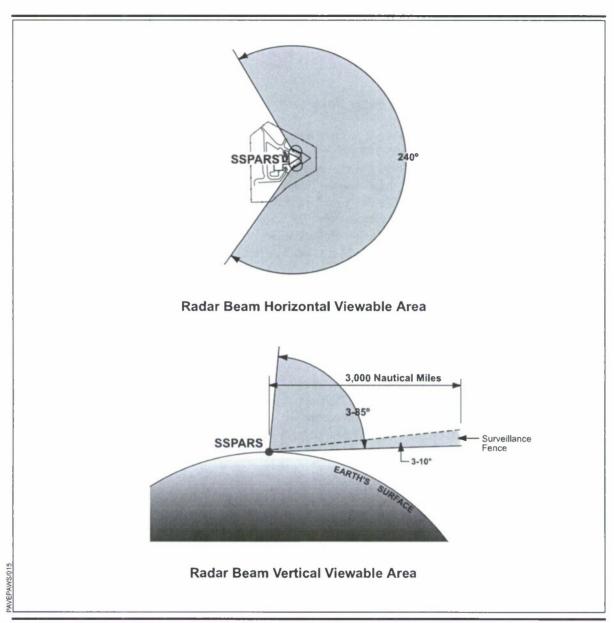
Radar viewable area

Cape Cod AFS Radar Coverage

Not to Scale

Note: Radar coverage to the south is provided by other radar systems. Source: Weitze, 1999.

Figure 2.1-1





Viewable Area

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Solid State Phased Array Radar System

Radar Beam Viewable Areas

Figure 2.1-2

particular objects or a small cluster of objects. The radar can transmit from 7 to 25 percent of the time, as long as the maximum average time, in any combination of modes (i.e., missile warning and space surveillance), does not exceed 25 percent.

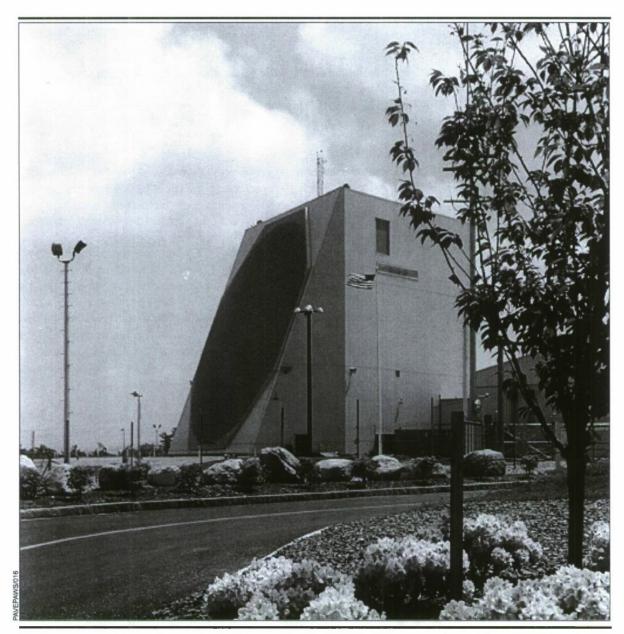
PAVE PAWS Radar Operations

The PAVE PAWS radar is a phased-array radar that transmits pulsed radiofrequency (RF) signals within the frequency range of 420 to 450 megahertz (MHz). Signals are reflected by objects back to the radar. These signals are analyzed to determine the location, distance, size, and speed of the object. The PAVE PAWS radar is housed in a 32-meter (105-foot) -high building. Two flat arrays transmit and receive RF signals generated by the radar. Each array face contains 1,792 active antenna elements out of a total of 5,354 elements. The two array faces are 31 meters (102 feet) wide, and are tilted back 20° from vertical (Figure 2.1-3). The active portion of each array face is situated in the center of a circle 22.1 meters (72.5 feet) wide. Each active antenna element is connected to a separate solid-state transmitter/receiver within the radar building that provides 322 watts of power for transmitting RF signals and amplifies the returning signal. The peak power from the radar is determined by the solid-state modules.

The RF signals transmitted from each of the array faces form one narrow main beam with a width of 2.2°. Most (approximately 90 percent) of the energy is contained in the main beam (MITRE Corporation, 2000). Each of the main beams can be directed electronically between 3° and 85° above horizontal. Figure 2.1-2 shows the minimum and maximum vertical angles to which the main beams can be directed.

2.2 NO-ACTION ALTERNATIVE

The 1979 EIS evaluated the potential impacts of constructing the PAVE PAWS radar as well as the potential health effects of RFE based on studies available at the time the EIS was prepared. The PAVE PAWS radar at Cape Cod AFS is the only radar in the nation that is able to confirm a detected missile launch towards the United States or Canada from the east. The radar provides launch detection and subsequent confirmation to provide the necessary information to make critical, nation-affecting decisions about an incoming threat. The No-Action Alternative involves no longer operating the SSPARS at Cape Cod AFS. The Air Force would no longer accomplish its missile warning and space surveillance missions, leaving all or portions of North America vulnerable to ICBM or SLBM attacks.



Cape Cod AFS Solid-State Phased-Array Radar Facility

Figure 2.1-3

2.3 ALTERNATIVES ELIMINATED FROM FURTHER CONSIDERATION

CEQ regulations require that an EIS evaluate reasonable alternatives, briefly discuss those alternatives eliminated from detailed analysis in the environmental impact analysis, and provide the reasons for elimination of any alternatives (40 CFR Part 1502.14(a)). "Reasonable" is defined as practical or feasible from a common sense, technical, and economic standpoint (51 FR 15618, April 25, 1986).

The 1979 EIS presented a discussion of alternatives considered but eliminated from further consideration with regard to siting the radar facility and postponing the construction of the radar facility. In addition, this SEIS considered two alternative operational options. The first option considered the construction of physical barriers (i.e., earthen berms, wire mesh fencing, and trees) around the radar site to help reduce the radar side lobe RFE. Detailed descriptions of the barriers are provided in Appendix E2.1. The barrier option provided little to no significant reduction in radar emissions and was dismissed as having negligible benefit. The second option involved reducing the hours of operation at the radar. This option would reduce the emissions of the radar; however, any time the radar was powered down, the United States and Canada would have no ground-based warning of a missile attack on the East Coast as well as result in degraded Space Situational Awareness. This option was dismissed as being operationally unacceptable due to national security.

Because the primary concerns raised during the scoping process involved the potential health effects from the continued operation of the PAVE PAWS radar, this SEIS focuses on recent health studies and literature reviews that address RFE emitted from radar. Other than the options discussed above, no other alternatives were considered for this SEIS. This SEIS addresses the continued operation of the PAVE PAWS radar at Cape Cod AFS only.

3.0 AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

Cape Cod AFS is situated atop Flat Rock Hill on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, within the northern portion of the Massachusetts Military Reservation (MMR) (Figure 3.1-1). The site is operated by the 6th Space Warning Squadron. The installation occupies approximately 100 acres at an elevation of approximately 265 feet above mean sea level. The leased area includes 87 acres for the installation, 11.5 acres for the access road, and 2 acres for electrical transmission lines. Cape Cod AFS is within Barnstable County and is approximately 70 miles south of Boston, 3 miles east of Bourne, and 2 miles west of Sandwich (see Figure 3.1-1).

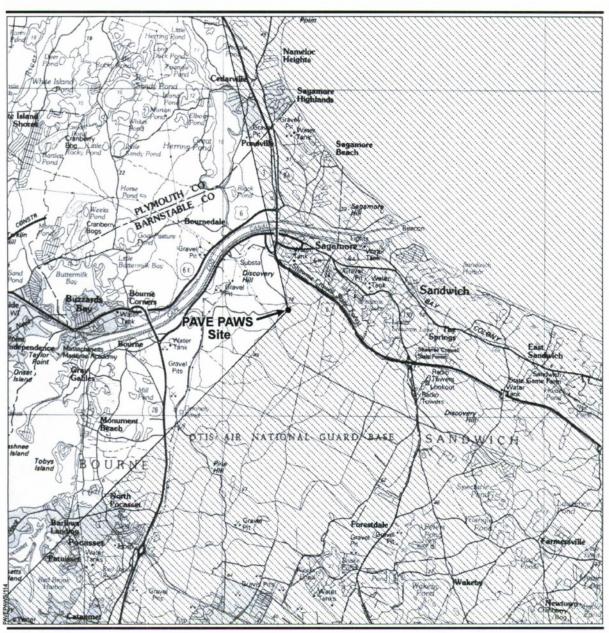
The PAVE PAWS radar is a phased-array radar that transmits energy at a frequency range that is higher than radio stations but lower than cellular telephones and microwave ovens (see Appendix D, Figure D-1). The radar operates at elevations between 3° and 85° above horizontal and at a peak power level of 340 watts with 1,792 active antenna elements (total of 3,584 active elements). The average power level is approximately 152.5 kilowatts (kW). Access in the immediate vicinity of the radar is restricted to authorized personnel for reasons of both public safety and mission security.

The intent of this section is to provide information for both the interested public and technical experts to understand the characteristics of the PAVE PAWS radar and the potential effects of RFE.

3.1 SOLID-STATE PHASED-ARRAY RADAR SYSTEM/RADIOFREQUENCY SPECTRUM

The SSPARS, or PAVE PAWS as it is better known, is an early-warning radar system capable of detecting ICBM and SLBM attacks against North America. The PAVE PAWS radar is a long-range search/surveillance and tracking system whose primary mission is missile warning. Its secondary mission involves space surveillance in order to estimate trajectories of launched objects, as well as tracking earth satellites and other space objects. The PAVE PAWS radar at Cape Cod AFS provides early-warning coverage of the United States East Coast and Atlantic Ocean. The striking difference between the PAVE PAWS and rotating dish radars is the mode in which the radar steers its beam. Unlike radars that rotate in order to sweep their beam over a given area, the PAVE PAWS does not move. Rather than mechanical steering, the PAVE PAWS electronically steers its beam across the horizon. Each array face spans an azimuth of 120° resulting in a total azimuth coverage of 240° (i.e., scan area of 240°).

The PAVE PAWS radar operates at 24 discrete frequencies that lie in the band between 420-450 MHz. The radar has two modes in which it operates, tracking and surveillance. Each of these radar modes is dependent on the mission requirements at the time. These operating parameters and others are shown in Table 3.1-1.



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SSPARS Scan Area

Cape Cod AFS Site Map





Source: U.S. Geological Survey, 1986, New Bedford, Massachusetts

Figure 3.1-1

Table 3.1-1. PAVE PAWS Operating Parameters

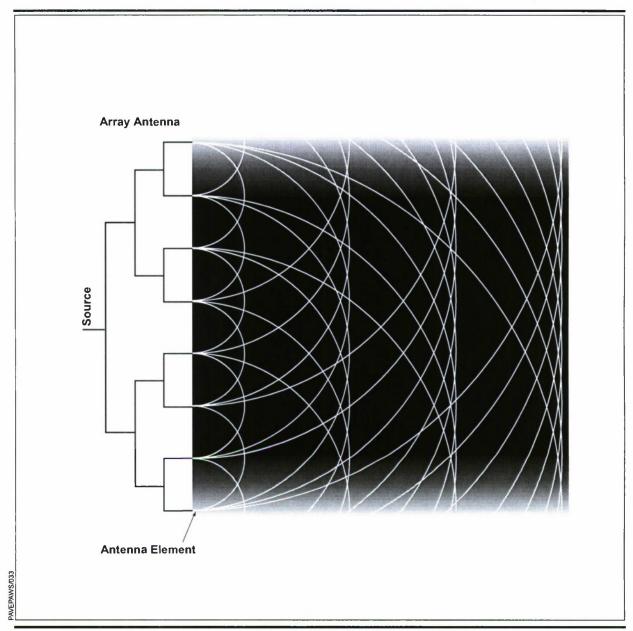
Parameter	Value
Peak Power	1,792 active elements at 325 watts = 582.4 kW
Duty Factor	25% (11% search, 14% track)
Average Power	152.5 kW
Transmit Gain effective	37.92 decibel (dB)
Active Radar Diameter	22.1 meters
Frequency Band	420 MHz to 450 MHz
Wavelength	0.69 meters at 435 MHz
Sidelobes	-20 dB (first), -30 dB (second), -38 dB (rms)
Face Tilt	20 degrees
Pulse Rate	18 to 72 pulses per second
Pulse Width	0.25, 0.5, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16 milliseconds (ms) in tracking
	mode, 0.3, 5, 8 ms in surveillance
Number of Array Faces	2
3 dB Beam Width (on boresight)	2.2 degrees

dB = decibel kW = kilowatt MHz = megahertz ms = millisecond rms = root mean square

3.1.1 Transmitting a Radiofrequency Signal

The PAVE PAWS radar is a phased-array radar, which transmits pulsed RF signals. A phased-array is typically made up of a flat, regular arrangement of radiating elements (transmitters) in which each element is fed a microwave signal of equal amplitude and controlled phase. A central oscillator generates the RF signal, then transistors or specialized microwave tubes, such as traveling-wave tubes, amplify it. The RF signal is transmitted from the 1,792 active antenna elements per array face, or a total of 3,584 active elements. Figure 3.1-2 illustrates an example of the signal pattern emitted by the PAVE PAWS radar. When all the elements radiate in phase, yielding wave crests that move forward in step, the waves become superposed along the perpendicular axis of the array. The signals interfere constructively to produce a strong sum signal, resulting in a beam directed straight ahead (called the boresight). At greater angles to the boresight, individual signals from different radiating elements must travel different distances to reach a target. As a result, their relative phases are altered and they interfere destructively, weakening or eliminating the beam. An example of destructive interference is illustrated in Figure 3.1-3. The sidelobes of the radar beam are the fault of destruction interference. Because of the characteristics of interference patterns, the width of the radar beam "cone" is directly proportional to the operating wavelength and inversely proportional to the size of the array (Brookner, 1985).

The phasing of the RF signal refers to signals from various radiating elements that are emitted at different time intervals in order to "steer" the radar beam. In order for the PAVE PAWS radar to emit a signal in-line with the boresight or straight ahead, the signals from all array elements must be in phase.

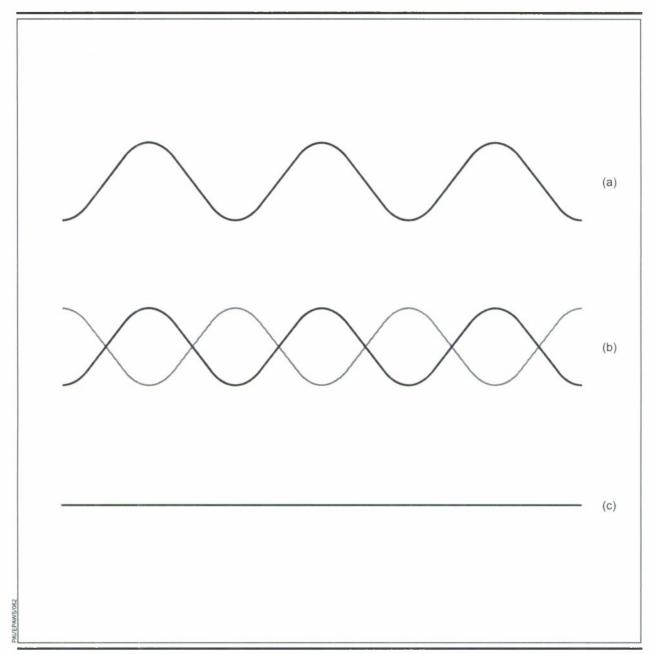


Antenna elements in a phased-array emit separate microwave signals. When all the elements radiate precisely in phase, yielding wave crests that move forward in step, the waves become superposed along the perpendicular axis of the array. They interfere constructively to produce a strong sum signal, resulting in a beam directed straight ahead.

Antenna Elements in a Phased-Array Radar

Source: Scientific American, 1985.

Figure 3.1-2



- (a) Represents the initial signal.
- (b) Represents the initial signal with another signal of equal power, but opposite wavelength.
- (c) Resulting signal from the destructive interference of both signals.

Example of Destructive Interference

Figure 3.1-3

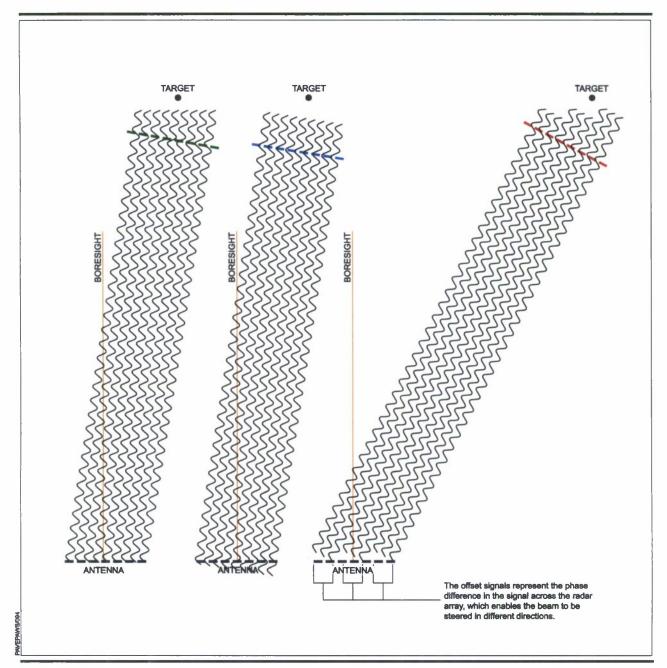
In order for the radar beam to "look" in a different direction, the signals from each radiating element must be delayed electronically by amounts that increase steadily across the face of the array. Each delay causes a signal to lag a fraction of a wavelength behind the signal from an adjacent element (Brookner, 1985). Figure 3.1-4 illustrates this aspect of beam steering. As seen in the first graphic of Figure 3.1-4, the RF signals do not coincide at the target or are out of phase, resulting in a weakened signal due to destructive interference. The second and third graphics in Figure 3.1-4 illustrate the application of phased signals in the acquisition of a target off boresight. As the signals leave the antenna, each element in the array transmits its delayed signal by a fraction of a wavelength as seen by the distance of the signal from the antenna array. As the signals coincide at the target, the signals are in phase and interfere constructively resulting in a strong signal. The zone in which the individual signals add up in phase to produce a strong sum signal, capable of detecting targets, lies not straight ahead, down the boresight of the antenna, but off to the side in the direction of increasing phase delay (Brookner, 1985). Even at the most severe angle the radar beam can achieve, the beam takes the form of a slender cone surrounded by regions of destructive interference.

The transmitted RFE is characterized by its waveform. The different functions that the radar performs, tracking and surveillance, require different signal characteristics. The radar transmits a series of signals that are pulsed. This means that the radar transmits a series of pulses followed by silent periods. During the silent periods, the radar is awaiting the return echo (reflected energy beam) from its target, so that an analysis of the target may be completed. A primary feature of the pulsed nature of the PAVE PAWS radar is that the power is on during transmission of the pulses and off during the silent periods. The radar transmits varying pulsewidths, in other words each pulse can have a different duration or transmitted time period. The PAVE PAWS radar uses pulsewidths of 0.25, 0.3, 0.5, 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, and 16 milliseconds (Kramer, 2000). During these pulses, the radar frequency changes or "chirps." Chirping allows the radar to utilize a long pulse to detect smaller objects, while simultaneously obtaining the better range resolution otherwise achieved with a shorter pulse (Kramer, 2000).

3.1.2 Sidelobes

The region(s) surrounding the main beam of the radar, where the signals interfere destructively, is (are) known as the sidelobe(s). Unlike the narrow, cone-shaped main beam, the sidelobes represent energy in a more diffuse form. Figure 3.1-5 illustrates the direction of the main beam and first four sidelobes (black arrows), as well as their width and relative intensity (shaded area) (Kramer, 2000).

Approximately 90 percent of the radiated power is contained within the main beam; therefore, the sidelobes contain very little energy. The maximum intensity of the first sidelobe is 1/100 of the main beam intensity or -20 decibels (dB). A dB is defined as:



Electronic Beam Steering

Source: Scientific American, 1985.

Figure 3.1-4

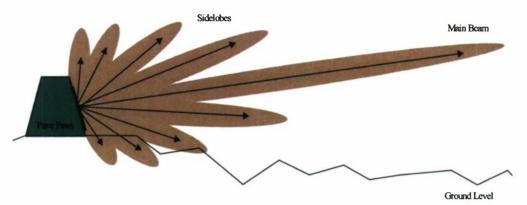


Figure 3.1-5. Profile of the Main Beam and Sidelobes

Source: Kramer, 2000.

$$dB = 10 \log \frac{I_{\circ}}{I}$$

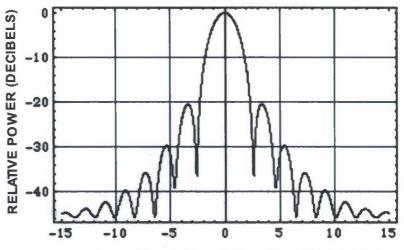
Where:

I_o, main beam power density, milliwatts per square centimeter (mW/cm²)
 I, power density in a specific sidelobe, mW/cm²
 dB, decibel

The maximum intensity of the second sidelobe is 1/1000 of the main beam intensity or -30 dB. Since the sidelobes are all around the main beam, in some instances, they point lower than the horizontal (Kramer, 2000). The second sidelobe is the primary source of ground-impacting RFE within the far-field region, which lies within public areas surrounding the radar. Although the second sidelobe impacts the ground, the main beam, which contains 90 percent of the radiated power, does not. Interlock systems and computer software prevent the main beam from reaching an elevation lower than 3° above horizontal. It is in the basic nature of a phased-array antenna that component or equipment failures are unlikely to cause radiation to be directed into public areas in any undesignated direction in excess of the amounts estimated for normal operation (National Research Council, 1979a).

The relative power in dBs for the main beam and sidelobes of the radar in relation to the angle relative to beam peak is shown in Figure 3.1-6. The main beam is identified by the highest peak and reflects its boresight width of 2.2°. Each subsequent peak represents a sidelobe, starting with the first sidelobe, and descending sequentially in order.

It is the nature of high gain antennas that the sidelobe pattern is "spiky" in the sense that it is characterized by narrow lobes separated by deep nulls (National Research Council, 1979a). The nulls are represented in Figure 3.1-6 as the valleys between the peaks. Designed as the PAVE PAWS radar is, with particular attention to minimizing the large lobes, a pattern may have a few tens



ANGLE RELATIVE TO BEAM PEAK (DEGREES)
Figure 3.1-6. PAVE PAWS Antenna Pattern

Source: Kramer, 2000.

of lobes with peaks within 5 dB of the design maximum (e.g., for PAVE PAWS, between 30 and 35 dB below the main beam) (National Research Council, 1979a).

The main beam and first sidelobe are azimuthally symmetrical, that is they have the same lateral (horizontal) deviation. The higher order sidelobes exhibit some randomness due to amplitude and phase errors at individual array elements, mutual interactions between array elements, and individual hardware component failures (Kramer, 2000). Figure 3.1-7 shows a 3-D representation of the antenna pattern.

The illustration in Figure 3.1-7 applies when the beam is steered to broadside (e.g., normal to the plane of the antenna array that is +20° in elevation and either 47° or 167° azimuth) (Kramer, 2000). The large peak and the surrounding peak represent the main beam and first sidelobe, respectively. Both the main beam and first sidelobe are highly regular and symmetrical. The higher order sidelobes are represented by the multitude of smaller peaks. These sidelobes are lower intensity and are irregularly distributed throughout the antenna pattern. The pattern seen during normal surveillance will differ as a function of the beam steering angles (Kramer, 2000).

3.1.3 Near-field RFE Region

In regions close to RFE emitting sources, the fields are called near fields. In the near-fields, the electric and magnetic fields are not necessarily perpendicular; in fact, they are not always conveniently characterized by waves (Durney et al., 1986). The near-field is defined as a region generally in proximity to an antenna or other radiating structure, in which the electric and magnetic fields do not have a substantially plane-wave character, but vary considerably from point to point.

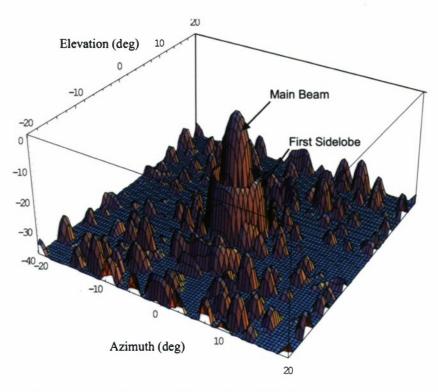


Figure 3.1-7. 3-D View of the PAVE PAWS Antenna Pattern

Source: Sparagna, 1999.

The near-field region is further subdivided into the reactive near-field region, which is closest to the radiating structure and contains most or nearly all of the stored energy, and the radiating near-field region where the radiation field predominates over the reactive field, but lacks substantial plane-wave character and is complicated in structure (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, 1999a). The electric and magnetic fields are often more nonpropagating in nature and vary rapidly with distance (Durney et al., 1986). The reactive region at the PAVE PAWS frequencies extends less than 10 meters from the face of the antenna. The near-field is primarily associated with controlled exposure environments or occupational exposures. The controlled environment exposure applies to the people working at the site, who are aware of their potential exposure and the hazards of exposure to RFE.

The characteristics of the near-field are very complex as the lack of uniform dispersal of RFE within the near-field makes measurements of the electric and magnetic fields difficult. Unlike the parallel, plane-wave nature of the far-field, the near-field shape changes with distance. The near-field for the PAVE PAWS radar at Cape Cod AFS extends out to a distance of 1,440 feet or 439 meters (Sparagna, 1999). Sparagna (1999) used a half wavelength criteria that corresponded to a phase difference of 180 degrees, as used in the 1979 EIS. The more conventional near-field boundary is the constraint that the difference in path length from an element at the edge of the aperture and an element at the center of the aperture is either 0.25 or 0.125 times the wavelength. The values

correspond to a phase difference of 45 and 90 degrees, respectively. This distance is outside the 1,000-foot boundary of the installation. The near-field boundary occurs at a frequency of 450 MHz and a 180° (half wavelength) difference between the center element and the edge element. Figure 3.1-8 shows an illustration of the near-field region around the PAVE PAWS radar.

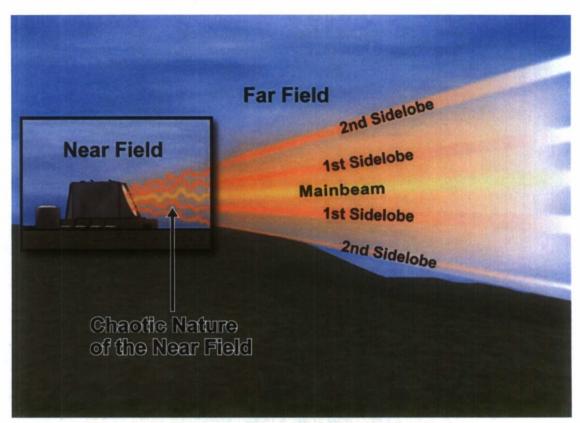


Figure 3.1-8. Illustration of the PAVE PAWS Near-field Region

3.1.4 Far-field RFE Region

The far-field region is defined as that region of the field of an antenna where the angular field distribution is essentially independent of the distance from the antenna (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, 1999a). Within the far-field region, the RFE field has a predominantly plane-wave character. Unlike the near-field region, which is not uniformly dispersed over space, the far-field region has locally uniform distribution of the electric and magnetic fields. The electric and magnetic field strengths both fall off at a rate of 1/d, where d is the distance from the radiating structure (Smith, 1998).

According to Sparagna (1999), the far-field region begins at a distance of 1,440 feet or 439 meters using the methodology used by the U.S. EPA in 1979 during their initial assessment of the PAVE PAWS radar; however, Kramer (2000) cites the far-field region beginning at a distance of 2,345 feet or 739 meters. The boundary between the near-field and far-field regions is not

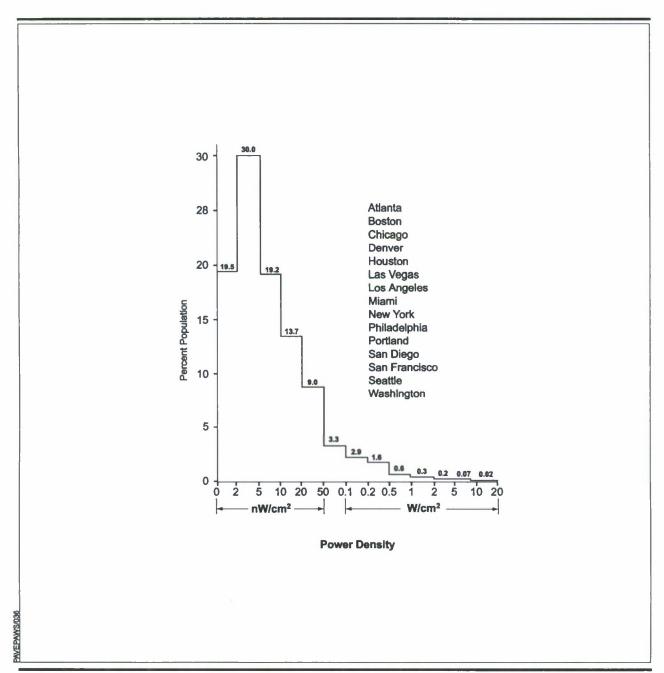
sharp because the near-fields gradually become less important as the distance from the source increases (Durney et al., 1986). As seen in Figure 3.1-8, within the far-field region, the RFE fields appear as propagating plane waves. The main beam is a conical shape and uniformly dispersed through space.

Making measurements is usually easier in the far-field than in the near-field, and calculations for far-field absorption are much easier than for near-field absorption (Durney et al., 1986). The far-field region is primarily associated with uncontrolled environment exposure limits or public exposures. The uncontrolled exposure limits apply to personnel who may be unaware of their exposure scenario and the hazards associated with RFE. In many instances, this is the case for public access areas nearby RFE emitting structures.

3.1.5 Other Sources of Radiofrequency Energy

The rapid expansion of telecommunications services, cellular telephones, digital music/television, and paging services has brought RF/microwave energy sources into everyday life. Tall, metal towers with an array of relays on top of them are common sites around communities and roadways today, as the infrastructure for the telecommunications industry continues to expand. Although many of these towers do not actively transmit RF/microwave signals, they do relay signals produced by cellular telephones and pagers to their intended destinations. Electric field strengths at ground level beneath microwave relay towers are in the range of 20 milliVolts per meter (mV/m) to 0.6 Volts per meter (V/m) (0.00000016 mW/cm² to 0.000095 mW/cm²) (Hankin, 1985). The electric field strength can be converted to a power density measurement using the following equation: $S = E^2/377\Omega$ where power density is (S), watts per square meter (W/m²) and the electric field strength are (E). Other common sources of RF/microwave energy include garage door opener remote controls, security systems (remote keyless entry), video display terminals (VDTs), and remote controlled toys.

Urban areas experience higher background RF/microwave concentrations because of the higher concentration of RF/microwave transmitters, such as amplitude modulation (AM)/frequency modulation (FM) radio stations and very high-frequency/ultra high-frequency (VHF/UHF) television transmitters. Broadcast stations are significant sources of RF exposure (Janes et al., 1977). Figure 3.1-9 shows the differential fraction of population exposed within given power density intervals based on data from 15 major cities in the United States. Approximately 30 percent of the populations within these cities were exposed to power densities of 2 to 5 nanowatts per square centimeter (nW/cm²), which is approximately six orders of magnitude less than the current uncontrolled exposure limit for PAVE PAWS. Of the community RF measurements taken in 1986 around the Cape Cod AFS PAVE PAWS radar, the highest average power density was 61 nW/cm² (0.000061 mW/cm²) as measured at the rest area on Route 6. As shown in Figure 3.1-9, approximately 3.3 percent of the population within these specific cities were exposed to power densities of 61 nW/cm². Furthermore, more than 88 percent of the population within these cities was exposed to power densities in the nW/cm² range, with substantially smaller populations exposed at higher power density levels.



W/cm² microwatt per square centimeter

nW/cm² nanowatt per square centimeter

Differential Fraction of Population Exposed Within Given Power Density Intervals (15 cities)

Source: Shleien et al., 1998.

Figure 3.1-9

A study conducted in 1997, explored the exposure to RF in the general and work environments. It was noted that RF fields in the general urban environment are principally associated with radio and television broadcast services. Studies of general population exposure in the United States showed that approximately 3 percent of the urban population was exposed to electric field strengths greater than 1 V/m (0.000265 mW/cm²) from AM broadcast services (Mantiply et al., 1997). A major difference between AM and FM transmitters is that the entire broadcast tower is the AM transmitting antenna, while the broadcast tower serves strictly as the support structure for the much smaller FM antenna. As a result, AM broadcast services can emit much stronger RF fields at ground level than FM broadcast services and can induce electric currents within objects inside the RF field. The median electric field strengths reported in urban areas in the United States from FM broadcast services is approximately 0.1 V/m (0.0000026 mW/cm²) with 0.5 percent of the population exposed to field strengths above 2 V/m (0.00106 mW/cm²) (Tell and Mantiply, 1980; Hankin, 1985). The maximum electric field strengths at ground level beneath FM towers in the United States vary from about 2 to 200 V/m (0.00106 mW/cm² to 10.61 mW/cm²) (Gailey and Tell, 1985).

VHF/UHF television broadcast services are another major source of RF fields in the urban environment. Calculations based on measurements in the late 1970s showed that approximately 16 percent of the population was exposed to fields above 0.1 V/m (0.0000026 mW/cm²) and 0.1 percent was exposed to fields above 2 V/m (0.00106 mW/cm²) from low band VHF-television (TV) (channels 2-6) (Mantiply et al., 1997). For high band VHF-TV (channels 7-13), 32 percent of the population was exposed to electric field strengths above 0.1 V/m (0.0000026 mW/cm²) and approximately 0.005 percent were exposed to fields above 2 V/m (0.00106 mW/cm²) (Mantiply et al., 1997). The maximum fields at ground level beneath VHF-TV towers were estimated to be between 1 and 30 V/m (0.000265 mW/cm² to 0.23872 mW/cm²) (Gailey and Tell, 1985). For UHF-TV (channels 14-67), general population exposure calculations showed that about 20 percent of the population was exposed to fields above 0.1 V/m (0.000026 mW/cm²) and approximately 0.01 percent was exposed above 1 V/m (0.000265 mW/cm²) (Tell and Mantiply, 1980).

3.1.5.1 Private Microwave Congested Areas.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has designated areas within the United States where the density of RF/microwave emitters, across certain frequencies, has produced RF/microwave congestion. In order to identify these congested areas, the FCC staff analyzed the microwave database and sorted stations according to frequency bands and geographical areas. They plotted the stations on a map of the United States divided into areas of approximately 1,000 square miles, then determined congestion based on such criteria as the number, average power, antenna sizes, and growth rates of existing stations in each of the different frequency bands. Taking all factors into consideration, the FCC staff identified those areas that, in its judgment, would likely be congested. One of the primary factors taken into consideration is where a predictable risk of interference to other stations exists. Using the existing FCC data, maps were compiled that showed the private microwave congested areas around Cape Cod AFS.

Figure 3.1-10 shows the FCC private microwave congested areas around the Boston, Massachusetts area, including Cape Cod AFS. Cape Cod AFS is within two of the three private microwave congested areas shown in Figure 3.1-10. The specific frequencies for these congested areas are 952-960 MHz and 1850-1990 MHz.

In addition to these two frequency ranges, the Boston metropolitan area is also a private microwave congested area for the 12 gigahertz (GHz) frequency. Figure 3.1-10 indicates that the Boston area, including Cape Cod AFS, has a high density of RF/microwave emitters within the specified frequencies, resulting in a risk of interference to other stations. The private microwave congested areas for the Cape Cod AFS area and those specific frequencies represent services such as broadcasting, fixed/mobile RF/microwave sources, personal communication systems (PCSs), satellite communication (SATCOM) systems, and fixed/mobile RF/microwave sources.

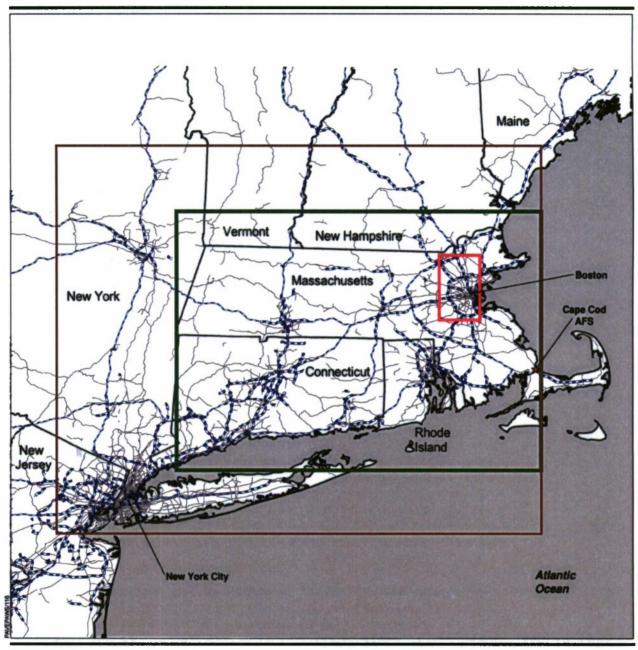
3.1.5.2 Multiple Emitters within the PAVE PAWS Frequency Range.

The frequency range in which the PAVE PAWS radar operates is 420 to 450 MHz. According to the FCC, this frequency range has been restricted to include only amateur "Ham" radio emitters (70 cm wavelengths only), military radars, and radiolocation emitters. The Joint Spectrum Center (JSC) completed a search of the Frequency Record Resource System, FCC, Government Master File, and International Telecommunications Union databases to determine the number of emitters within a 100 nautical mile (nm) radius of Cape Cod AFS that operate within the same frequency range as the PAVE PAWS radar. Including the PAVE PAWS radar at Cape Cod AFS, a total of 17 emitters were identified that operate within the same frequency range as PAVE PAWS within a 100 nm radius of Cape Cod AFS. Many of these emitters are situated in or near the Boston metropolitan area. Figure 3.1-11 shows the locations of the emitters within a 100 nm radius of Cape Cod AFS.

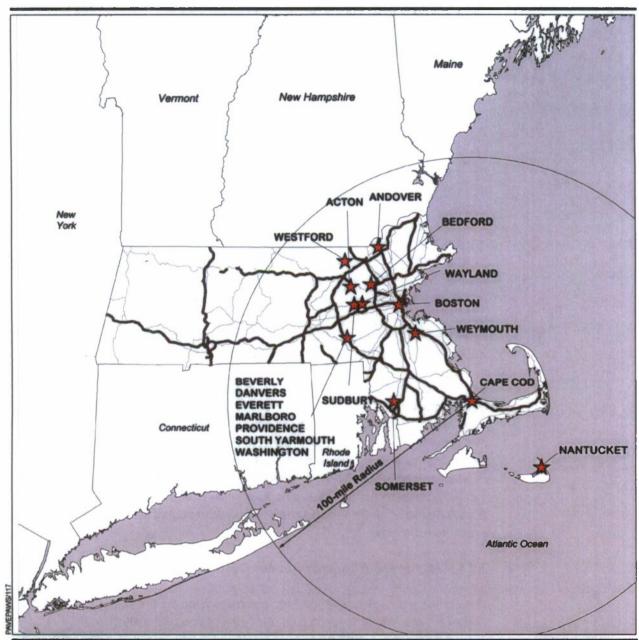
3.1.5.3 Coastal Impacts of RF/Microwave Energy from Radars and Emitters.

Although the PAVE PAWS radar is a ground-based unit, the Cape Cod AFS radar is located close to the coastal waters of the Atlantic Ocean. Additional RF emitters exist throughout the coastal waters of the United States and other countries to provide navigational support to ships. One example of this type of RF emitter is the Long Range Aids-to-Navigation (LORAN) transmitters.

The LORAN systems are long-range, low frequency (e.g., 100 kilohertz [kHz]) pulsed and phased RF, hyperbolic navigation systems developed in the 1960s primarily for maritime navigation purposes. Although these systems are centered on the frequency of 100 kHz, the LORAN emissions often overflow into the 90 to 110 kHz frequency range. The LORAN transmitters are omni-directional, meaning they transmit in all directions. Like PAVE PAWS, these systems are pulsed and phased RF signals; however, the frequency that the LORAN system operates on is a frequency 4,200 times lower than the PAVE PAWS frequency range. At a distance of 300 meters from the LORAN antenna base, the electric









RF Station Location

Primary Road with Limited Access

Primary Road

State Lines

RF Emitters within 100-mile Radius Cape Cod AFS, MA.



Figure 3.1-11

field strength varied from 3 to 9 V/m (power densities of 0.002 mW/cm² to 0.021 mW/cm²) and the magnetic field strength varied from 6 to 41 milliamps/ meter.

Although many of the LORAN transmitters are situated near coastal areas, other LORAN systems are situated within the interior of the United States. Only one LORAN site (on Nantucket Island approximately 45 miles from Cape Cod AFS) operates within proximity to Cape Cod AFS. The effective transmission distance of the LORAN system is approximately 600 to 1,100 miles, depending upon the transmitter power and the atmospheric noise level (U.S. Coast Guard, 2001). Therefore, the LORAN system transmissions are capable of reaching the PAVE PAWS radar location.

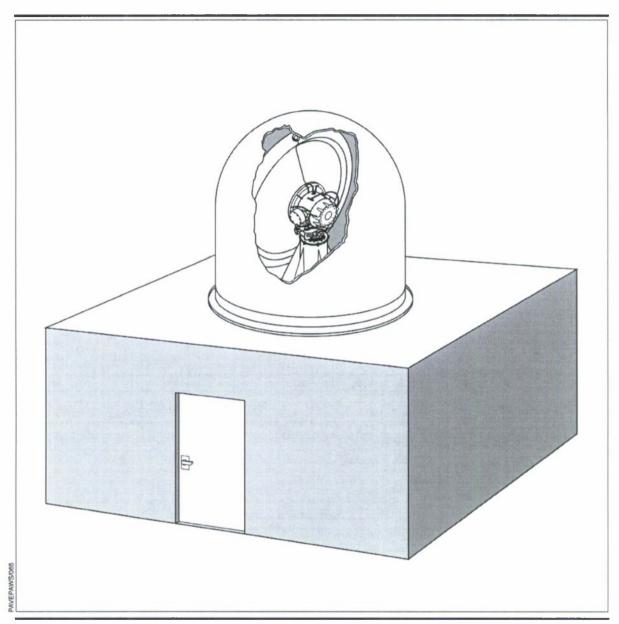
3.1.5.4 Air Traffic Control Radars.

Another contributor to the overall RF environment is air traffic control radars used at airports. Although many of these radars are rotational in nature, current technology has progressed to include the use of phased-array radars, like PAVE PAWS, as air traffic control radars. In areas surrounding air traffic control radars, workers can be exposed to power densities of up to tens of W/m², but are normally exposed to fields in the range of 0.03 to 0.8 W/m² (0.003 mW/cm² to 0.08 mW/cm²) (World Health Organization, 1993). In an exposure survey of civilian airport radar workers in Australia, it was found that, unless working on open waveguide slots, or within transmitter cabinets when high voltage arcing was occurring, personnel were, in general, not exposed to levels of radiation exceeding the specified limits in the Australian and International Radiation Protection Association (IRPA) RF exposure standards (Joyner and Bangay, 1986). These exposures represent occupational exposures and would not be representative of far-field exposures as in the case of uncontrolled or public exposure scenarios.

3.1.5.5 Milistar Fixed Communications Control Station.

The Air Force operates a Milstar fixed communication control station at Cape Cod AFS. The Milstar antenna support shelter is approximately 20 feet by 16 feet in size and 9 feet high (Figure 3.1-12). The Milstar antenna is a 90-inch-diameter parabolic dish with receive/transmit capability. A white spherical radome, approximately 10 feet across by 10 feet high, encloses the antenna for weather protection.

The Milstar communications system is designed as an inaccessible emitter by the Air Force, meaning the system is not normally accessible to personnel. Existing controls on the Milstar system, such as an interlock system, prevent maintenance personnel from inadvertent RFE exposure during maintenance activities.



Milstar Fixed Communication Control Station

Figure 3.1-12

The operational angle that the Milstar system uses to communicate with satellites is 41.5°± the satellite's differential from the Earth's equator. As a result, it is not possible for Milstar's main beam to impact the ground. The Milstar system transmits RFE at a frequency of 44 GHz. The 1839th Engineering Installation Group conducted a ground-level RFE evaluation of the Milstar antenna in 1989 (1839th Engineering Installation Group, 1989). These measurements were not conducted at Cape Cod AFS; however, these measurements are representative of the predicted measurements of the Milstar communications system at Cape Cod AFS. Measurements were taken at six different distances, ranging from the radome edge to 600 feet from the Milstar antenna. These measurement locations evaluated the main beam and were selected based on power density calculations and distance from the antenna. The Milstar measurements are presented in Table 3.1-2.

Table 3.1-2. 1989 Milstar RFE Measurements

					Magnitude
		Average	Controlled	General	Below
		Power	Environment	Public	Controlled
		Density	Standard	Standard	Environment
Location	Distance (feet)	(mW/cm ²)	(mW/cm ²)	(mW/cm ²)	Standard
1	600	0.046	5	1	108
2	327	0.265	5	1	18
3	184	0.461	5	1	10
4	75	0.472	5	1	10
5	27	0.450	5	1	11
6	Radome Edge	0.839	5	1	6

Source: 1839th Engineering Installation Group, 1989.

mW/cm² = milliwatts per square centimeter

These measurements represent occupational exposures; therefore, they were compared to the controlled environment standard. No measurements exceeded or significantly approached the IEEE controlled environment exposure limit of 5 mW/cm². No individuals living in the surrounding communities would be exposed to RFE levels in excess of the applicable IEEE safety standard. In addition, the Milstar system does not produce significant sidelobe RFE patterns that would approach the IEEE uncontrolled environment limit of 1 mW/cm².

3.1.5.6 Defense Satellite Communications System.

In June 2000, the U.S. Air Force completed an RFE survey of the Defense Satellite Communication System (DSCS) at Cape Cod AFS. The DSCS system is a 38-foot-wide aperture satellite dish used for military satellite communications. DSCS transmits in the frequency range from 7.9 to 8.4 GHz, which is much higher than the SSPARS frequencies. In order to transmit to satellites, DSCS must be pointed upward; therefore, the system is prohibited electrically from radiating with the antenna below 7°. Unlike the SSPARS, DSCS is a satellite communications antenna that uses narrow-beam transmission to geosynchronous satellites, not a sweeping beam over large scan areas. Also, DSCS is a continuous wave transmitter, not a pulsed emitter. The narrow beam width is due to the nature of satellite communications, which require a narrow

antenna pattern for communication purposes. The DSCS satellite dish continuously points at 41.5° above the horizon to communicate with the geosynchronous satellite. The DSCS measurements completed in June 2000 are presented in Table 3.1-3, and the measurement locations are shown on Figure 3.1-13.

Table 3.1-3. 2000 DSCS RFE Measurements

			Power		
		Antenna	Density at	Controlled	
		Output	Operating	Environment	Magnitude
Test	Antenna	Power	Power	Standard ^(b)	below
Location	Position ^(a)	(dBm)	(mW/cm ²)	(mW/cm ²)	Standard ^(b)
1	Primary Satellite	37.1	<0.01	10	>1000
2	Secondary Satellite	38.1	0.04	10	250
3	Secondary Satellite	38.1	0.15	10	66
4	Alternate 1	55	6.20	10	1
5	Alternate 1	55	2.20	10	4
6	Alternate 1	55	0.40	10	25
7	Alternate 1	55	0.25	10	40
8	Alternate 1	55	0.05	10	200
9	Alternate 1	55	0.0875	10	114
10	Alternate 2	55	0.237	10	42

Notes: The above azimuths and elevations are based on the alignment of the DSCS with its appropriate satellites from Cape Cod AFS.

= degree

dB = decibel

dBm = dB referenced to 1 milliwatt mW/cm² = milliwatts per square centimeter

Source: 738th Engineering Installation Squadron, 2000.

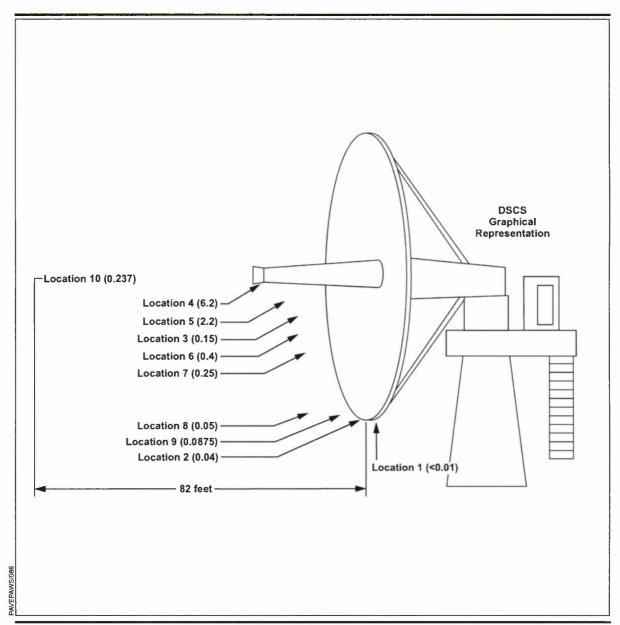
The measurements taken around the DSCS indicated that exposures were below the occupational exposure limits for the system, as specified in IEEE C95.1-1999. Accordingly, the highest measurement was obtained directly in front of the feedhorn (i.e., extension protruding from the aperture), which is the actual RF source for the aperture. This measurement was only obtained by using a man lift; therefore, this type of exposure is not possible at ground level. Furthermore, due to the operational angles that DSCS uses to communicate with the various satellites, no individuals living in the surrounding communities would be exposed to RFE levels in excess of the applicable IEEE safety standard.

3.2 HEALTH AND SAFETY

This section discusses the affected environment of the PAVE PAWS radar with regard to public health and safety. The following section discusses the existing RFE in the vicinity of Cape Cod AFS, other emitters of RFE at Cape Cod AFS, and RFE measurements taken at Cape Cod AFS and within the surrounding communities.

⁽a) Primary-azimuth 154.08° and elevation 38.9°; secondary-azimuth 105.55° and elevation 9.75°; alternate 1-azimuth 215.82° and elevation 7.49°; alternate 2-azimuth 296.7° and elevation 7.49°

⁽b) The measurements taken in June 2000 represent occupational exposures, not general public exposures; therefore, the IEEE C95.1-1999 controlled environment exposure limit was used.



DSCS Defense Satellite Communications System

mW/cm² milliwatts per square centimeter

DSCS Measurement Locations

Note: Power Density levels are shown in mW/cm².

Source: 738th Engineering Installation Squadron, 2000.

Figure 3.1-13

Exposure to RFE is controlled in accordance with national exposure standards (e.g., federal and voluntary exposure standards), which are set by experts in biophysics, medicine, engineering, and epidemiology, as set forth in the following documents:

- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) C95.1-1999, <u>IEEE Standard for Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields</u>, 3 kHz to 300 GHz, May 1999.
- Department of Defense (DOD), <u>Protection of DOD Personnel from Exposure to Radio Frequency Radiation and Military Exempt Lasers</u>, DOD 6055.11, February 21, 1996.
- Air Force Occupational Safety and Health (AFOSH) Standard, <u>Radio</u> <u>Frequency Radiation (RFR) Safety Program</u>, AFOSH Standard 48-9, August 1, 1997.
- FCC, Office of Engineering and Technology (OET) Bulletin 65: Evaluating Compliance with FCC Guidelines for Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields, Edition 97-01, August 1997.

The IEEE International Committee for Electromagnetic Safety produces an RFE standard that has been adopted by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) as an IEEE/ANSI standard. This voluntary standard is based on numerous sources of scientific information that are subject to rigorous review by experts in biophysics, medicine, electrical engineering, and epidemiology.

After reviewing the biological effects database, scientific committees concluded that the threshold for potential adverse biological effects was 4 watts per kilogram (W/kg) of absorbed RFE per unit mass of tissue. The standards-making organizations have adopted safety factors for RFE exposures in occupational and general public settings. These safety factors are set at 10 for occupational exposures and 50 for general public exposures, thereby reducing the adverse biological effects threshold to 0.4 and 0.08 W/kg, respectively. For ease of measurement, these limits are expressed in units of incident power density (mW/cm²), which is the accepted RFE parameter used to quantify RFE exposure (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, 1999a).

The general population exposure limit for the PAVE PAWS radar is 0.28 mW/cm² averaged over a 30-minute period, while the occupational exposure limit is 1.4 mW/cm² averaged over a 6-minute period. These limits are based on the IEEE C95.1-1999 and FCC maximum permissible exposure of 420 MHz, which represents the most conservative exposure limit within the PAVE PAWS frequency range.

The scientific community believes that the IEEE/ANSI standard is applicable to both continuous-wave and pulsed, phased-array emitters. However, a small number of individuals have questioned whether the standard is applicable to phased-array systems. Although the scientific evidence indicates that adverse health effects are limited primarily to thermal effects, some theories have been

put forward that suggest low-level RFE may have biological effects. These theories and supporting research are reviewed by the IEEE and considered during their standard setting process. It is recognized that health concerns have been raised by some individuals on Cape Cod dealing with the continued operation of the PAVE PAWS radar. These concerns have been addressed by several Cape Cod AFS site-specific studies and RFE literature reviews including:

- Preliminary Measurements of the PAVE PAWS Radar, Phase II Single and Double Dipole Field Measurements & Phase III – Spectrum Background Analysis, Final Report (Air Force Research Laboratory, 2002).
- Phase IV Time Domain Waveform Characterization Measurements of the PAVE PAWS Radar, Final Report (Air Force Research Laboratory, 2003).
- Final Test Report on a Survey of Radio Frequency Energy Field Emissions from the Cape Cod Air Force Station PAVE PAWS Radar Facility (Broadcast Signal Lab, LLP, 2004).
- An Assessment of Potential Health Effects from Exposure to PAVE PAWS Low-Level Phased-Array Radiofrequency Energy (National Research Council, 2005a).
- Public Health Evaluation of Radiofrequency Energy from the PAVE PAWS Radar, Cape Cod Air Station, Massachusetts (Agreement No. 29292), Draft Literature Review (International Epidemiology Institute [IEI], 2004).
- Memorandum regarding Risk Assessment of Low-Level Phased-Array Radio Frequency Energy Emissions – 2002-03 (Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, 2003).
- A Public Health Evaluation of Radiofrequency Energy from PAVE PAWS Radar, Cape Cod Air Station, Massachusetts (Agreement No. 29292), Final Report, Descriptive Studies of Disease Occurrence and PAVE PAWS Radar (International Epidemiology Institute, 2006).

These studies and literature reviews specifically address the general concerns brought forth regarding low-level exposures to RFE as well as the PAVE PAWS pulsed waveform generated by a phased-array radar. A summary review of these studies is provided in Section 3.3, Recent Cape Cod Air Force Station Radiofrequency Studies/Reviews.

3.2.1 Cape Cod Air Force Station Radiofrequency Energy Measurements

Ground level (3-6 feet) RFE measurements were completed around the PAVE PAWS radar and throughout the surrounding communities in 1978, 1986, and 2004. In 1978, peak power density measurements, average power density measurements, and peak electric field measurements were completed in order to assess the potential exposure differences under both peak and average power conditions. The measurements from the 1978 survey are presented in

Table 3.2-1 and their locations are shown on Figure 3.2-1. RFE measurements collected during the 1978 survey were below the applicable IEEE general public exposure limit.

Table 3.2-1. Cape Cod AFS, 1978 Power Density Measurements

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		Distance	Average	General Public	Magnitude
Test		from Radar	Power Density	Standard ^(a)	Below
Location	Location	(miles)	(mW/cm ²)	(mW/cm ²)	Standard
1	Rest Area, Route 6	0.6	0.000061	0.28	4,590
2	Shawme and Shaker House Roads	2.1	0.000027	0.28	10,370
3	Henry T. Wing School	2.1	<0.000001	0.28	>280,000
4	Dillingham and Knott Roads	2.4	0.00002	0.28	14,000
5	Sandwich High School	4.4	0.000001	0.28	280,000
6	Lakewood Hills Development	4.6	<0.000001	0.28	>280,000
	(entrance)				
7	Knolltop and Greenhouse Roads	5.4	<0.000001	0.28	>280,000
8	Mashpee Police Department	7.3	<0.00001	0.28	>280,000
9	Mashpee Middle School	9.2	<0.000001	0.28	>280,000
10	Seabury Golf Club	13.8	<0.000001	0.28	>280,000
11	Sagamore Bridge	1.6	0.000051	0.28	5,490
12	Canalside Apartments	2.0	0.000016	0.28	17,500
13	Hoxie Elementary School	1.7	0.000001	0.28	280,000
14	Old Plymouth Road	2.8	0.000002	0.28	140,000
15	Hilltop Drive (Maiolini residence)	1.0	0.000003	0.28	93,333
16	Keith Field	1.4	<0.000001	0.28	>280,000
17	Stone School (Otis ANGB)	7.1	<0.000001	0.28	>280,000
18	Ashumet Development (Hatchville)	8.8	<0.00001	0.28	>280,000
19	Benthos Corporation	8.9	<0.000001	0.28	>280,000
20	North Falmouth Elementary School	9.0	<0.000001	0.28	>280,000
21	Falmouth High School	11.8	< 0.000001	0.28	>280,000

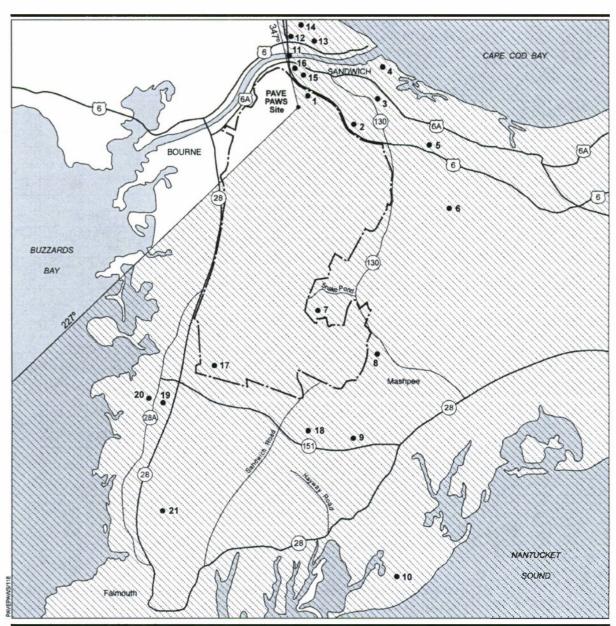
Note: (a) General public standard from IEEE C95.1-1999. The standard used in 1978 was IEEE C95.1-1974 that cited 10 mW/cm² as the exposure limit.

ANGB = Air National Guard Base mW/cm² = milliwatts per square centimeter

Source: Electromagnetic Compatibility Analysis Center, 1978.

In 1986, average power density measurements were completed in order to verify that the measurements taken in 1978 were still valid and representative of the potential RFE exposures from the radar. The measurements from the 1986 survey are presented in Table 3.2-2 and their locations are shown on Figure 3.2-2. As with the 1978 measurements, these measurements were also below the applicable IEEE general public exposure limit; therefore, the 1978 measurements were validated and remained representative of the general public RFE exposures from the PAVE PAWS radar.

In 2004, peak/average power density measurements and peak/average electric field measurements were completed at various locations on Cape Cod. The measurements from the 2004 survey are presented in Table 3.2-3 and their locations are shown on Figure 3.2-3. RFE measurements collected during the 2004 survey were below the applicable IEEE general public exposure limit.



- --- MMR Boundary
- Power Density Measurement Location



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Cape Cod AFS, 1978
Power Density
Measurements at
Selected Locations



Source: Electromagnetic Compatibility Analysis Center, 1978. Measurement locations correspond to those listed in Table 3.2-1

Figure 3.2-1

Table 3.2-2. Cape Cod AFS, 1986 Power Density Measurements

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Test Location	Location	Distance from Radar (miles)	Average Power Density (mW/cm²)	General Public Standard ^(a) (mW/cm ²)	Magnitude Below Standard
1	Cardinal Road (Christopher Hollow)	2.8	0.000026	0.28	10,769
2	Sandwich Fire Tower (86 feet above ground in view of the radar)	3.2	0.000139	0.28	2,014
3	Sandwich Public Library	2.3	<0.000001	0.28	>280,000
4	Crowley State Park (Les Perry's House)	1.2	0.000012	0.28	23,333
4a	Crowley State Park (Near Camp Site A-10)	1.2	0.00002	0.28	14,000
5	Route 130 and Greenway and Gibbs (Across from base gate)	3.5	<0.000001	0.28	>280,000
6	Corner of Friendly and Freedom Road (Near Snake Pond Area)	5	<0.000001	0.28	>280,000
7	Beach area (Snake Pond)	4.8	<0.000001	0.28	>280,000
8	Intersection of Route 130 before Central Road	7.4	<0.000001	0.28	>280,000
9	Near Mashpee Middle School on Lowell Road	8.4	<0.00001	0.28	>280,000
10	Lowell Road near Quessot Golf Course	8.8	<0.000001	0.28	>280,000
11	Nickelodeon Theatre on Route 151	7.8	<0.000001	0.28	>280,000
12	Otis ANGB Central Tower	5.9	0.000003	0.28	93,333
13	VA Cemetery near entrance on Route 151	5.6	<0.000001	0.28	>280,000
14	Scusett Beach Fishing Pier	1.9	0.000004	0.28	70,000
15	Henry Wing School (Sandwich)	2.1	<0.000001	0.28	>280,000

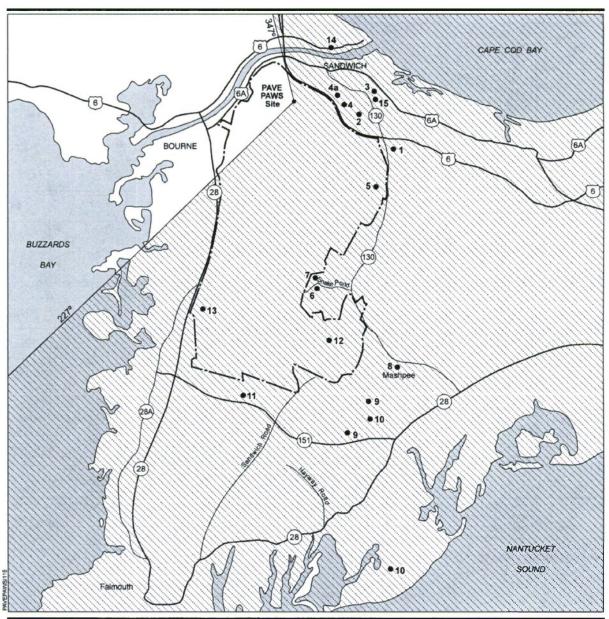
Note: (a) General public standard from IEEE C95.1-1999. The standard used in 1986 was IEEE C95.1-1974 that cited 10 mW/cm² as the exposure limit.

ANGB = Air National Guard Base mW/cm² = milliwatts per square centimeter

Source: 1839th Installation Engineering Group, 1986.

The Air Force performed RFE measurements in November 2003 (pre-SLEP upgrade) and in August 2005 (post-SLEP upgrade) at the Cape Cod AFS PAVE PAWS to determine if the SLEP upgrade caused a change in the power output from the radar. The measurements from the 2003 and 2005 surveys are presented in Table 3.2-4 and their locations are shown on Figure 3.2-4. RFE measurements collected during the surveys did not show a significant change in the power output and were below the applicable IEEE general public exposure limit (U.S. Air Force, 2004, 2005).

Measurements of the near-field at Cape Cod AFS taken in 1979 are presented in Figure 3.2-5. The measurements do not address the electric and magnetic fields individually; rather, the measurements represent the total power density. Total power density is used to evaluate the potential effects of operating the radar.



--- MMR Boundary

Power Density Measurement Location



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Cape Cod AFS, 1986 Power Density Measurements at Selected Locations



Source: Electromagnetic Compatibility Analysis Center, 1978. Measurement locations correspond to those listed in Table 3,2-2

Figure 3.2-2

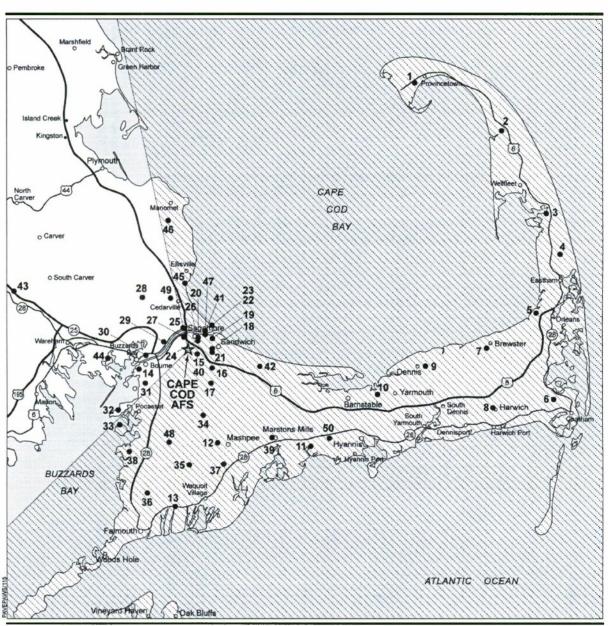
Table 3.2-3. Cape Cod AFS, 2004 Power Density Measurements

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_		Distance	Average	General Public	Magnitude
Test		from Radar	Power Density	Standard ^(a)	Below
Location	Location	(miles)	(mW/cm²)	(mW/cm ²)	Standard
11	Pilgrim Monument Site	27.4	0.0000449	0.28	6,240
2	Snows Field, Snowfield Road	30.1	0.0000093	0.28	30,107
3	Cape Cod Naval Station Headquarters	30.7	0.0000013	0.28	215,385
4	Nauset Light Parking	31.1	0.0000006	0.28	466,667
5	Rock Harbor Parking	27.5	0.0000730	0.28	3,835
6	Great Hill	29.3	0.0000288	0.28	9,722
7	Keith Lane Circle	23.6	0.0000132	0.28	2,212
8	Island Pond Cemetery, Harwich Center	24.1	0.0000004	0.28	700,000
9	Scargo Hill	18.5	0.0038167	0.28	73
10	Woodside Cemetery, Yarmouth, off Summer Street	15.5	0.0000026	0.28	107,692
11	Main Street, Centerville	12.3	0.0000056	0.28	50,000
12	Athletic Field, Route 130, North of Ashumet Road	7.2	0.0000821	0.28	3,410
13	Davisville Road, E. Falmouth School	12.3	0.0000022	0.28	127,273
14	Hashnee Island Grill	5.6	0.0001590	0.28	1,761
15	Shawme Crowell State Park	1.0	0.0346000	0.28	8
16	Cardinal Road Circle	2.8	0.0007775	0.28	360
17	Route 130 at Cotuit Road	3.7	0.0000104	0.28	26,923
18	Mt. Hope Cemetery, Route 6A	2.8	0.0001323	0.28	2,116
19	Jarves Road at Factory Street	2.5	0.0002228	0.28	1,257
20	Sandwich Public Library	2.1	0.0000589	0.28	4,754
21	Holder Lane Circle	2.6	0.0025595	0.28	109
22	Scusset Beach Parking 1	2.6	0.0001935	0.28	1,447
23	Scusset Beach Parking 1	2.6	0.0049833	0.28	56
24	Sagamore Athletic Field	1.4	0.0000200	0.28	14,000
25	Church Lane at Cape Pine Road	2.2	0.0006477	0.28	432
26	Sagamore School, Williston Road	1.8	0.0002408	0.28	1,163
27	Brigantine Passage Drive	1.9	0.0007808	0.28	359
28	Eagle Road	4.3	0.0000008	0.28	350,000
29	Route 6E Canal Overlook	1.9	0.0000109	0.28	25,688
30	Cypress Street at Route 6 Bypass	3.3	0.0000010	0.28	280,000
31	Monument Beach Former Water Tank	4.3	0.0000107	0.28	26,168
32	Wings Neck Road at Harbor Drive	6.6	0.000001	0.28	45,901
33	Scraggy Neck Road at Cataumet Club	7.4	0.0000007	0.28	400,000
34	Carolyn Circle Forestdale	5.5	0.0000252	0.28	11,111
35	Barnstable County Fairgrounds	9.3	0.0000232	0.28	280,000
36	Falmouth High School, Brickklin Road	11.7	0.0000010	0.28	2,800,000
37	Mashpee Senior Center	9.3	0.0000001	0.28	700,000
38	N. Falmouth School	9.1	0.0000004	0.28	1,400,000
39	Marstons Mills School, 2095 Main Street	9.6	0.0000002	0.28	1,400,000
40	Shawme Crowell State Park	1.0	0.0039367	0.28	71
41	Burbank Street and Main (Route 130)	1.3	0.0009572	0.28	4,895
42	Old County Road, near State Hatchery	5.7	0.00000372	0.28	933,333
43	Assawompset School	22.1	<0.0000003	0.28	
44	Onset School, Union Avenue	6.3	0.0000001	0.28	>2,800,000 1,400,000
45	Ellisville Road	5.3	0.0000002	0.28	3,604
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46	October Lane Circle, Cedar Bushes	10.1	0.0000005	0.28	560,000
47	Freezer Road at Tupper Road	2.0	0.0004528	0.28	618
48	Stone School Circle, Otis ANGB	7.0	0.0000009	0.28	311,111
49	Post 'n Rail Avenue, Cedarville	4.0	0.0000264	0.28	10,606
50	Banstable High School	13.0	0.0000002	0.28	1,400,000

Note:

(a) General public standard from IEEE C95.1-1999. ANGB = Air National Guard Base mW/cm² = milliwatts per square centimeter

Source: Broadcast Signal Lab, LLP, 2004.



13 Power Density Measurement Location

Cape Cod Air Force Station

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Cape Cod AFS, 2004 Power Density Measurements at Selected Sites



Figure 3.2-3

Table 3.2-4. Pre- and Post-SLEP Upgrade Power Density Measurements (2003 and 2005)

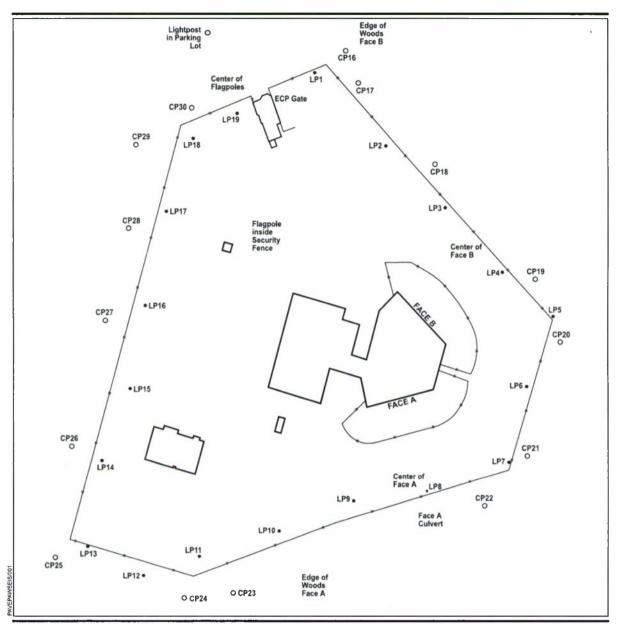
Table 3.2-4. Pre-	_				1 2005)
	2003 Average	2003 Max	2005 Average	2005 Max	PEL
Location	Power Density (mW/cm ²)	(mW/cm ²			
CP16		,	, ,		
	0.14	0.17	0.07	0.02	1.40
CP17	0.0625	0.088	0.05	0.06	1.40
CP18	0.0775	0.15	0.09	0.13	1.40
Center of Face B	0.106	0.35	0.11	0.19	1.40
CP19	0.117	0.30	0.07	0.13	1.40
CP20	0.115	0.22	0.12	0.16	1.40
Building Center	0.17	0.21	0.12	0.13	1.40
CP21	0.130	0.20	0.14	0.15	1.40
CP22	0.142	0.22	0.16	0.20	1.40
Center of Face A	0.159	0.28	0.17	0.22	1.40
Face A Culvert	0.138	0.25	0.14	0.18	1.40
CP23	0.105	0.12	0.11	0.11	1.40
CP24	0.108	0.13	0.12	0.12	1.40
CP25	0.108	0.12	0.11	0.11	1.40
CP26	0.113	0.13	0.13	0.13	1.40
CP27	0.113	0.13	0.13	0.14	1.40
CP28	0.115	0.13	0.13	0.12	1.40
CP29	0.116	0.13	0.13	0.13	1.40
CP30	0.113	0.12	0.14	0.15	1.40
ECP Gate	0.104	0.12	0.15	0.16	1.40
Light Pole in Parking Lot	0.116	0.13	0.13	0.14	1.40
Center of Flagpoles	0.161	0.18	0.13	0.13	1.40
Edge of Woods Face B	0.203	0.46	0.10	0.10	0.28 ^(a)
Edge of Woods Face A	0.219	0.49	0.12	0.12	0.28 ^(a)
LP19	0.0987	0.12	0.16	0.16	1.40
LP18	0.0225	0.043	0.13	0.13	1.40
LP17	0.0281	0.048	0.12	0.12	1.40
LP16	0.0406	0.056	0.13	0.13	1.40
LP15	0.0531	0.068	0.13	0.13	1.40
LP14	0.0931	0.11	0.13	0.13	1.40
LP13	0.0618	0.08	0.12	0.12	1.40
LP12	0.0925	0.11	0.11	0.11	1.40
LP11	0.0225	0.05	0.11	0.11	1.40
LP10	0.0950	0.11	0.11	0.12	1.40
LP9	0.113	0.17	0.13	0.15	1.40
LP8	0.156	0.25	0.18	0.21	1.40
LP7	0.129	0.16	0.14	0.15	
LP6	0.0218	0.066	0.14		1.40
				0.13	
LP5	0.0575	0.10	0.06	0.10	1.40
LP4	0.0368	0.20	0.10	0.16	1.40
LP3	0.0006	0.052	0.10	0.14	1.40
LP2	0.0787	0.10	0.06	0.07	1.40
LP1	0.0612	0.10	0.01	0.01	1.40

Note: (e) Measurement location is outside the installation perimeter fence; therefore, the general population exposure limit is presented rather than the occupational exposure limit.

CP = camera pole LP = light pole

mW/cm² = milliwatt per square centimeter
PEL = permissible exposure limit

Sources: U.S. Air Force 2004, 2005.



- O Camera Pole
- Light Pole
- -- Perimeter Fence

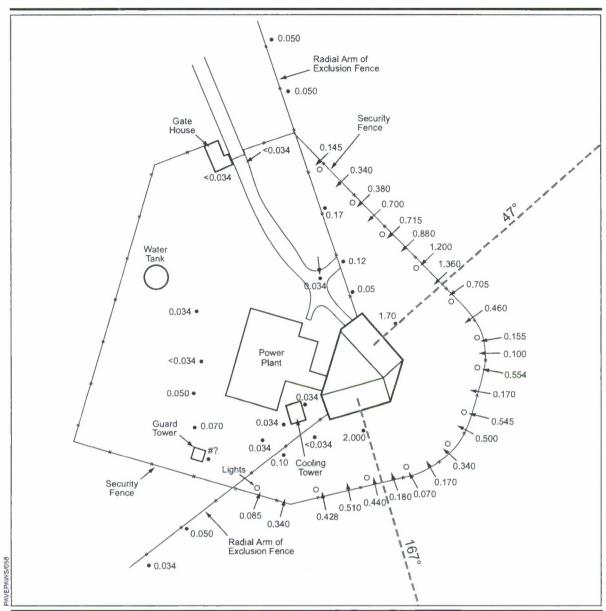
Cape Cod AFS, 2003 and 2005 Power Density Measurements at Selected Locations



Source: U.S. Air Force 2004, 2005.

Note: Measurement Locations correspond to those listed in Table 3.2-4

Figure 3.2-4



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--- Perimeter Fence

All measurements are in microwatts/square centimeter (mW/cm²)

All measurements have been taken at ground level except the guard tower measurements



1979 Near-Field Survey Power Density Measurements and Locations, Cape Cod AFS

Figure 3.2-5

The two measurements directly in front of each array exceeded the controlled environment exposure limit of 1.4 mW/cm²; however, these areas are demarcated and secured to ensure no unauthorized personnel gain access to the area

3.3 RECENT CAPE COD AIR FORCE STATION RADIOFREQUENCY STUDIES/REVIEWS

It is recognized that health concerns have been raised by some individuals on Cape Cod regarding the continued operation of the PAVE PAWS radar. These concerns have been addressed by several Cape Cod AFS site-specific studies and RFE literature reviews. These studies and literature reviews specifically address the general concerns brought forth regarding low-level exposures to RFE as well as the PAVE PAWS pulsed waveform generated by a phased-array radar. A summary of these studies/literature reviews is provided in the following sections.

3.3.1 Preliminary Measurements of the PAVE PAWS Radar, Phase II – Single and Double Dipole Field Measurements & Phase III – Spectrum Background Analysis, Final Report

This document, prepared by the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), presents a summary of investigative preliminary measurements of the Cape Cod AFS PAVE PAWS radar conducted in March 2002. These measurements were designed to guide the measurements team in the time-domain waveform characterization of the PAVE PAWS radiated output (Phase IV Waveform Characterization Study).

Phase II measurements provided information about the time-domain waveform characterization from a single element and from two elements of the PAVE PAWS radar that will assist in planning the Phase IV measurements. The Phase II measurements also provided data to support the modeling effort, determined the instantaneous bandwidth, and described the early-time transient dipole fields. The Phase III measurements helped determine the feasibility of low-level measurements, determined electromagnetic signal screening feasibility, established the community RF background level, and provided insight about the problems that could be encountered when performing Phase IV measurements.

3.3.2 Phase IV – Time Domain Waveform Characterization Measurements of the PAVE PAWS Radar, Final Report

This document, prepared in September 2003 by the AFRL, presents the time-domain waveform measurement data that were collected in April 2003 during the Phase IV time-domain waveform characterization of the Cape Cod AFS PAVE PAWS radar. The team consisted of representatives from Air Force Space Command, AFRL, and the PPPHSG.

During the study, detailed characteristics of the time-domain waveform from the PAVE PAWS radar were measured in accordance with the Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) Program. This effort was undertaken based on a letter sent to the Secretary of the Air Force from the Massachusetts Federal delegation

(consisting of Senators John Kerry and Edward Kennedy, and Congressman William Delahunt) requesting that the Air Force perform time-domain electromagnetic measurements at the PAVE PAWS site.

The study included the measurement methods, the validity of measurements taken, and data necessary to meet technical requirements so that it could be used to evaluate EHS program parameters. A health analysis was not included in the report. The data provided in the study will be used by medical and biological researchers to assess the existence, and perhaps the importance, of radial electric field components, slopes of the electric field, and phasing or "zero crossing" changes. The report did not compile a complete statistical description of such phenomena; the purpose of the report was to simply provide the data so that such an analysis can be conducted.

3.3.3 Final Test Report on a Survey of Radio Frequency Energy Field Emissions from the Cape Cod Air Force Station PAVE PAWS Radar Facility

This document, prepared in June 2004 by Broadcast Signal Lab, LLP, provides the results of measurements, modeling, and analysis of the RFE from the PAVE PAWS radar at Cape Cod AFS. Three distinct tasks were performed:

- The RFE emissions of the radar were measured in open, publicly accessible locations throughout Cape Cod (50 locations both on and near Cape Cod were selected)
- 2. The ambient emissions were measured from other sources in the VHF and UHF radio frequency spectrum (ten locations on Cape Cod were selected)
- A mathematical model of the PAVE PAWS antenna was used to prepare a radiofrequency propagation plot of the emissions from the radar into the Cape Cod environment.

The validated geographic exposure data from this study were used by a public health expert to support the epidemiological study.

During this survey, peak/average power density measurements and peak/average electric field measurements were completed at various locations on Cape Cod. The measurements from this survey are presented in Table 3.2-3 and their locations are shown on Figure 3.2-3. RFE measurements collected during the 2004 survey were below the applicable IEEE general public exposure limit.

3.3.4 An Assessment of Potential Health Effects from Exposure to PAVE PAWS Low-Level Phased-Array Radiofrequency Energy.

This report, prepared in 2005 by the National Research Council, consisted of a review of scientific data and literature related to RFE in the range of the PAVE PAWS system. This was done because there were no specific studies of a phased-array system similar to PAVE PAWS in the public domain. The review

included classified documentation of research that could be relevant to the PAVE PAWS system and the recent wave-form characterization study.

3.3.5 Public Health Evaluation of Radiofrequency Energy from the PAVE PAWS Radar, Cape Cod Air Station, Massachusetts (Agreement No. 29292), Draft Literature Review

This literature review, prepared in March 2004, focused on identifying studies that link RFE emissions to adverse health effects. The study found that the following diseases have been studied for links to RFE:

- Leukemia
- brain cancer
- lung cancer in women
- · birth defects
- auto-immune diseases such as lupus erythematosus
- Alzheimer's Disease
- Parkinson's Disease.

The study suggested that RFE and adverse health effects studies be prioritized to concerns with the above diseases.

3.3.6 Memorandum Regarding Risk Assessment of Low-Level Phased-Array Radio Frequency Energy Emissions – 2002-03

The AFEB met in February 2002 to consider a request from the Air Force Surgeon General regarding a risk assessment of low-level phased-array RFE emissions, as phased-array radar systems are used throughout the DOD and in the commercial and private sectors, and concern had been raised regarding potential adverse health risks from low-level exposures at the Air Force PAVE PAWS facility on Cape Cod.

The AFEB received presentations, briefings, and materials regarding various aspects of RFE, epidemiological studies, and operation of phased-array systems including:

- Air Force risk assessment of low-level phased-array RFE emissions
- Technical and operational overview of the Cape Cod PAVE PAWS facility
- Summary of findings from Upper Cape public health evaluations
- Overview of the organization and functions of the IEEE and the IEEE standards process
- Summary of published epidemiological studies on health effects of exposure to RFE
- Presentation on the PAVE PAWS SLEP

- Presentation on Cape Cod epidemiological studies
- Presentation on the Air Force occupational health program and RFE protection program
- Briefing on electromagnetic theory and data applied to living organisms
- Classified briefing and discussion on the Air Force Environmental Health and Safety program
- Briefing on phased-array radar and radiofrequency bio-effects
- Briefing on Air Force RFE bio-effect studies in direct support of PAVE PAWS
- Briefing on human studies of RFE bio-effects
- Briefing on RFE cancer studies.

The AFEB also reviewed several hundred studies focusing on epidemiological studies of RFE exposure, IEEE and DOD exposure standards and standards setting process for RFE, studies on RFE bio-effects, and over 45 studies and public health assessments specifically for exposure and health outcomes of Cape Cod residents. The AFEB findings from their review are presented in Section 4.2.5.

3.3.7 Public Health Evaluation of Radiofrequency Energy from PAVE PAWS Radar, Cape Cod Air Station, Massachusetts – 2006 (Descriptive Studies of Disease Occurrence and PAVE PAWS Radar)

This report, prepared in April 2006 by the IEI, evaluated the potential health effects of public exposure to low-level RFE emitted from the PAVE PAWS radar system at Cape Cod AFS.

In preparing this evaluation, IEI analyzed available data for county mortality and county cancer mortality and from the hospital discharge registry. IEI also compiled and analyzed data provided by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) regarding cancer incidence, birth defects, and birth weight. IEI analyzed and interpreted the available RFE characterization survey results for the PAVE PAWS radar in terms of the known and biologically plausible hypothesized public health effects. The analysis utilized the analyses of the outcomes data and information in relevant scientific literature to describe the relationship among the various RFE exposure characteristics and existing health outcomes determined to be biologically plausible. The report was submitted to the MDPH for review to confirm that the health data provided by the MDPH had been used in conformance with the requirements of applicable laws and regulations.

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4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES

This section discusses the potential environmental consequences associated with the continued operation of the PAVE PAWS radar at Cape Cod AFS.

The primary concern raised during the scoping process was the potential health effects of operating the PAVE PAWS radar as there is a higher than expected rate of a number of cancers on Cape Cod. Based on public input, three primary issues regarding the operation PAVE PAWS radar were identified, including:

- Measuring the average and peak radar exposures experienced by the community and then using these measurements to develop models to predict radar exposure of people living in the area.
- Analyzing plausible health outcomes from the radar exposure using descriptive epidemiology.
- Characterizing special features of the PAVE PAWS waveform based on hypotheses proposed by the public.

These concerns are addressed in Sections 4.1 and 4.2.

Cumulative impacts result from "the incremental impact of actions when added to other past, present, and reasonable foreseeable future actions regardless of what agency undertakes such other actions. Cumulative impacts can result from individually minor but collectively significant actions taking place over a period of time" (Council on Environmental Quality, 1978). Section 4.3 summarizes other future projects planned at or in the vicinity of Cape Cod AFS and their potential effect.

4.1 HEALTH AND SAFETY

4.1.1 Proposed Action

Measurements collected during RFE surveys at Cape Cod AFS (Electromagnetic Compatibility Analysis Center, 1978; 1839th Installation Engineering Group, 1986; Broadcast Signal Lab, LLC, 2004) were below the applicable IEEE general public exposure limit. The RFE exposure levels measured during the surveys indicate that no known health hazards exist based on the low-intensity RFE resulting from the PAVE PAWS emissions. RFE measurements outside the Cape Cod AFS boundary were well below the established limit. None of the RFE measurements outside the boundaries of Cape Cod AFS could produce an Specific Absorption Rate (SAR) greater than the 0.08 W/kg level established by IEEE, FCC, and other regulatory agencies.

The impact of RFE from the PAVE PAWS radar and other existing and proposed RFE emitters would not adversely impact the health and safety of workers at the installation or individuals living in the surrounding communities. No RFE

measurements were above applicable safety limits. Therefore, based on the available data (see Appendix G for a bibliography of radiofrequency studies), no adverse health effects would be associated with the RFE emissions from the PAVE PAWS radar.

The Air Force would continue to operate the PAVE PAWS radar and other RFE emitters at Cape Cod AFS in accordance with Air Force Occupational Safety and Health (AFOSH) Standard 48-9, RFR Safety Program, which includes implementation of appropriate administrative controls to prevent personnel exposure to RFE.

4.1.2 No-Action Alternative

No impacts to health and safety would result from implementation of the No-Action Alternative. Because missile warning and space surveillance missions would no longer be accomplished, RFE would no longer be emitted from the radar or other RFE sources at Cape Cod AFS. No significant impacts are anticipated. The No-Action Alternative would result in the Air Force no longer accomplishing its missile warning and space surveillance missions, leaving all or portions of North America vulnerable to ICBM or SLBM attacks.

Mitigation Measures

The Air Force would continue to operate the PAVE PAWS radar and other RFE emitters at Cape Cod AFS in accordance with applicable safety standards to minimize and prevent exposure to RFE. Because applicable RFE exposure safety limits would not be exceeded, no adverse impacts are anticipated; therefore, no mitigation measures would be required.

4.2 RECENT CAPE COD AIR FORCE STATION RADIOFREQUENCY STUDIES/REVIEWS

Although the scientific evidence indicates that adverse health effects are limited primarily to thermal effects, some theories have been put forward that suggest low-level RFE may have biological effects. These theories and supporting research are reviewed by the IEEE and considered during their standard setting process. It is recognized that health concerns have been raised by some individuals on Cape Cod dealing with the continued operation of the PAVE PAWS radar. These concerns have been addressed by several Cape Cod AFS site-specific studies and RFE literature reviews including:

- Preliminary Measurements of the PAVE PAWS Radar, Phase II –
 Single and Double Dipole Field Measurements & Phase III –
 Spectrum Background Analysis, Final Report (Air Force Research
 Laboratory, 2002).
- Phase IV Time Domain Waveform Characterization Measurements of the PAVE PAWS Radar, Final Report (U.S. Air Force, 2003).

- Final Test Report on a Survey of Radio Frequency Energy Field
 Emissions from the Cape Cod Air Force Station PAVE PAWS Radar
 Facility (Broadcast Signal Lab, LLP, 2004).
- An Assessment of Potential Health Effects from Exposure to PAVE PAWS Low-Level Phased-Array Radiofrequency Energy (National Research Council, 2005).
- Public Health Evaluation of Radiofrequency Energy from the PAVE PAWS Radar, Cape Cod Air Station, Massachusetts (Agreement No. 29292), Draft Literature Review (International Epidemiology Institute, 2004).
- Memorandum regarding Risk Assessment of Low-Level Phased-Array Radio Frequency Energy Emissions – 2002-03 (Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, 2003).
- A Public Health Evaluation of Radiofrequency Energy from PAVE PAWS Radar, Cape Cod Air Station, Massachusetts (Agreement No. 29292), Final Report, Descriptive Studies of Disease Occurrence and PAVE PAWS Radar (International Epidemiology Institute, 2006).

These studies and literature reviews specifically address the general concerns brought forth regarding low-level exposures to RFE as well as the PAVE PAWS pulsed waveform generated by a phased-array radar. A summary review of these studies is provided in Section 3.3, Recent Cape Cod Air Force Station Radiofrequency Studies/Reviews. Results of these studies are briefly summarized below.

4.2.1 Preliminary Measurements of the PAVE PAWS Radar, Phase II – Single and Double Dipole Field Measurements & Phase III – Spectrum Background Analysis, Final Report

This document presented a summary of investigative preliminary measurements of the Cape Cod AFS PAVE PAWS radar. These measurements were used to guide the measurements team when performing the Phase IV Waveform Characterization Study.

4.2.2 Phase IV – Time Domain Waveform Characterization Measurements of the PAVE PAWS Radar, Final Report

This document presented the time-domain waveform measurement data that was collected in April 2003 during the Phase IV time-domain waveform characterization of the Cape Cod AFS PAVE PAWS radar.

The data acquired during the Phase IV survey indicated that the electric fields produced by the PAVE PAWS radar are highly changeable, likely depending on a number of factors such as the direction of the beam, multi-path effects such as ground-bounce and scattering from neighboring objects, and the type of pulse being radiated. The electromagnetic environment is made even more complex by

other radiators in the region such as TV and radio stations. Significant changes in measurement readings were observed by simply moving a sensor less than a foot in any direction. This suggests that any effort to bound electromagnetic exposures should carefully consider the possible scenarios for the potential radiators to ensure that the correct conditions are used for the bounding process.

4.2.3 Final Test Report on a Survey of Radio Frequency Energy Field Emissions from the Cape Cod Air Force Station PAVE PAWS Radar Facility

The document provided the results of measurements, modeling, and analysis of the RFE from the Cape Cod AFS PAVE PAWS radar. Key findings of the study include:

- The radar's average power density at all 50 PAVE PAWS test sites was well below the maximum permissible exposure (MPE) specified by known safety standards. At all 50 sites, the total MPE measured with NARDA broadband instrument covering 300 kHz to 50 GHz was below the noise level of the instrument, and fully compliant with applicable safety standards.
- The differences in power density measured at an antenna height of 30 feet (to minimize local ground effects) and at a height of 8 feet was highly variable. However, when averaged over 14 measurement sites, the high sites showed approximately 5dB greater signal, consistent with the "rule of thumb" that doubling the height of a VHF or UHF antenna in proximity to the earth's surface approximately doubles the signal strength.
- At PAVE PAWS test sites where time domain waveforms were observed on the spectrum analyzer (these measurements were performed to insure that the radar was operational), samples of all classes of the PAVE PAWS waveform were observed. In addition, long range search doublets and triplets were observed independent of the azimuth from the radar antenna, indicating the presence of secondary sidelobes and/or reflections. This indicates that signals were received at the test site when the radar's search azimuth was not aligned with the test site.
- At many PAVE PAWS test sites, numerous received pulses appeared to have amplitude modulation imposed upon them. Other pulses observed at the same site were quite clean, or modulated in a different fashion. The frequency of this modulation ranged from a few Hz up to tens of kHz. The choice of spectrum analyzer parameters precluded observing higher frequency modulation. The modulation depth was highly variable. Since the steady-state amplitude of the transmitted PAVE PAWS signal is constant, the "amplitude modulation" was likely produced by the environment. It was determined that the most likely source is reflection from a multitude of "targets" including aircraft, water tanks, radio

communication towers, the smokestack at the Sandwich power plant, etc.

- When observing the 24 PAVE PAWS channels in a "max hold" mode on the spectrum analyzer for extended periods, frequency-selective fading produced by multiple transmission paths was frequently observed. The depth of these fades was highly site dependent. A quantitative measurement of the frequency-selective fading parameters (e.g., depth of fade, correlation bandwidth) was not performed. However, they exhibited fairly broad "flat fading" characteristics over portions of the radar band.
- Signals observed from behind the radar were most likely produced from backscatter from the main beam of the radar, rather than from "behind the array" sidelobes or "edge diffraction" effects.
- Behind the radar, the received signal level measured from the 455 MHz beacon antenna mounted above the roof of the PAVE PAWS facility was within 0 to 20 dB of the measured radar emissions at similar locations. This is not unlike the power of paging, land mobile, and lower powered FM station transmitters, suggesting that considering the power of the radar, there is little radiation "behind" the plane of the antenna.
- On the roof of the PAVE PAWS facility, with the broadband survey instruments above the radar array (that is, penetrating the plane of the radar face from behind), the measured RFE occasionally peaked to 5 percent of the occupational MPE limit. With the instrument repositioned above the roof, just behind the plane of the radar face, the RFE limit fell below the sensitivity of the instrument. These observations support the findings discussed above that there is little radiation "behind" the plane of the antenna.
- Of the 50 test sites, 40 were situated where the primary sidelobe of a
 few beams per sweep cycle may appear. It was not possible to
 distinguish first sidelobe pulses from secondary sidelobe pulses that
 were received at a test site. There were variations in signal levels
 from pulse to pulse caused by beam pointing, propagation, and the
 like that blur the distinction between received first sidelobe energy
 and received secondary sidelobe energy.
- Even when miles away, large commercial aircraft have sufficient radar cross section to return a measurable signal to the instrumentation via "backscatter" when the plane is illuminated by the PAVE PAWS main beam. No effort was made to correlate the observed signals with aircraft traffic.

The study also compared the measurements from the current survey with those taken in 1978 and 1986. Overall, the previous studies' measurements appear to be generally higher than the current measurements. There could be several

reasons for this difference, including limitations of the previous test systems, or the manner in which the power density was derived from the measurements.

The study also found that the highest average PAVE PAWS emission level at any of the PAVE PAWS test sites was comparable to the lowest ambient level observed among the ambient sites.

During this survey, peak/average power density measurements and peak/ average electric field measurements were completed at various locations on Cape Cod. The measurements from this survey are presented in Table 3.2-3 and their locations are shown on Figure 3.2-3. RFE measurements collected during the 2004 survey were below the applicable IEEE general public exposure limit.

4.2.4 An Assessment of Potential Health Effects from Exposure to PAVE PAWS Low-Level Phased-Array Radiofrequency Energy

Based on the review of available scientific evidence (including classified information), the National Research Council committee concluded that there are no adverse health effects to the general population resulting from continuing or long-term exposure to the PAVE PAWS phased RFE emissions. The committee also concluded that there was no observable increase in total cancers or cancers of the prostrate, breast, lung, or colon due to exposure to PAVE PAWS RFE. The committee found many studies and data that support the finding of no health or biological effects from RF exposures. Although there are a number of possible mechanisms and pathways by which electric and magnetic fields could lead to changes at higher power density levels than the public is exposed to from the PAVE PAWS radar, the committee did not identify any evidence of a mechanism shown to change biologic processes at the power levels that are associated with the PAVE PAWS radar.

The committee also found that the wave-form characterization data collected for the PAVE PAWS radar is similar to exposure from "dish" radars to which the public are continuously exposed.

The committee recommended that studies of tree growth in the vicinity of the PAVE PAWS facility should be conducted. A study of long-term exposures under conditions similar to human exposures may provide useful information as to possible mechanisms for a biological response that currently does not exist. The committee also recommended that a replication of a central nervous system endocrine function study be undertaken to confirm or refute previous Air Forcesponsored studies that show a significant and extended influence on brain dopamine levels during low-level RF exposures similar to that of PAVE PAWS.

Also, any future health investigations or epidemiologic studies in the vicinity of the PAVE PAWS site should look at exposures at both the census-tract and census-block levels, and try to better estimate personal exposure and consider the types of factors known to complicate human-health investigations. Future or ongoing health studies should also specifically address possible early age of exposure and/or early age at onset of an adverse health effect. Future epidemiologic studies should not be conducted unless they are expected to have sufficient

statistical ability to be able to detect any possible health effects in the Cape Cod population.

4.2.5 Public Health Evaluation of Radiofrequency Energy from the PAVE PAWS Radar, Cape Cod Air Station, Massachusetts (Agreement No. 29292), Draft Literature Review

This report was simply a literature review focused on identifying studies that link RFE emissions to adverse health effects. The study suggested that RFE and adverse health effects studies be prioritized to concerns with leukemia, brain cancer, lung cancer in women, birth defects, auto-immune diseases such as lupus erythematosus, Alzheimer's disease, and Parkinson's disease.

4.2.6 Memorandum regarding Risk Assessment of Low-Level Phased-Array Radio Frequency Energy Emissions – 2002-03

This memorandum from the AFEB states that published studies do not convincingly suggest that exposures to continuous wave radio frequency energies at or below IEEE standards result in adverse health effects, and current scientific data do not indicate that phased-array are any different. Current exposure standards as established by the IEEE, although based primarily on continuous RFE, appear completely adequate to protect worker and general population health in relation to potential health effects of PAVE PAWS phased-array system.

In review of the literature, the AFEB did not identify adverse health outcomes in animal or human studies related to exposures to continuous or phased RFE at levels found at the Cape Cod AFS PAVE PAWS facility that should be studied or could be used as outcome variables to study. There was no evidence to suggest a cause-and-effect relationship between the county or town level elevated standardized rate ratios of disease in Massachusetts and the PAVE PAWS phased-array system. There is no immediate indication to support either initiation of new, or further analysis of existing epidemiological investigations of the association between RFE emissions from the Cape Cod AFS PAVE PAWS facility and any specific health outcome.

4.2.7 Public Health Evaluation of Radiofrequency Energy from PAVE PAWS Radar, Cape Cod AS, Massachusetts – 2006 (Descriptive Studies of Disease Occurrence and PAVE PAWS Radar)

The IEI's evaluation concluded that there is currently no credible evidence for adverse health effects associated with the operation of the PAVE PAWS radar system. Rates for most of the cancers that initially led to concerns about possible adverse health effects from PAVE PAWS radar exposure were found to be elevated on Cape Cod prior to 1978 when the PAVE PAWS facility began operation.

Because the community was concerned that elevated cancer rates among residents of Cape Cod compared to the rest of Massachusetts could be due to the radar system, they organized the PPPHSG. Although a number of descriptive and analytic studies had been conducted to learn whether environmental factors

might be contributing to these higher rates, no conclusive associations were identified. The IEI was contracted to conduct a descriptive epidemiologic analyses in order to evaluate the possibility that continuous radiofrequency exposure to PAVE PAWS radar might be associated with adverse health effects among Cape Cod residents. In cooperation with the PPPHSG, public meetings were held and an agreement was reached on the specific health outcomes to be studied by IEI. The study included certain cancers, neurological disorders, autoimmune diseases, and birth weight. Secular trend analyses were conducted to learn whether the patterns of cancer mortality in Barnstable County changed after 1978 when the PAVE PAWS early warning system became operational in comparison with three other Massachusetts counties (Berkshire, Hampshire, and Worcester), which have demographic and socioeconomic characteristics similar to those of Cape Cod residents. Using estimates of PAVE PAWS radiofrequency levels for all of Cape Cod and for portions of Plymouth County provided by Broadcast Signal Lab for small geographical areas, conclusions for exposureresponse analyses are summarized below. Data was obtained from the MDPH.

<u>Secular Trend Analysis</u>. The secular trend analyses revealed no changes in the patterns of county mortality over time for lung cancer, female breast cancer, leukemia, brain cancer, childhood cancer, colorectal cancer, or prostate cancer that could be related to the operation of the PAVE PAWS radar system. The secular trend analyses provided a plausible explanation for the elevated lung cancer rates among women in terms of increased smoking rates.

<u>Cancer Mortality Exposure-Response Analysis</u>. The exposure-response analyses revealed no evidence for an increase in cancer mortality rates with increasing levels of PAVE PAWS radiofrequency energy levels, i.e., there were no significant positive exposure-response relationships for death resulting from female breast cancer, female lung cancer, brain cancer, or leukemia.

<u>Cancer Incidence Exposure-Response Analysis</u>. The exposure-response analyses revealed no evidence for an increase in cancer incidence with increasing levels of PAVE PAWS radiofrequency energy levels, i.e., there were no significant positive exposure-response relationships for the incidence of female breast cancer, female lung cancer, brain cancer, or leukemia.

<u>Neurological Disease Mortality Exposure-Response Analysis</u>. The exposure-response analyses revealed no evidence for an increase in mortality due to neurological disease with increasing levels of PAVE PAWS radiofrequency energy levels, i.e., there were no significant positive exposure-response relationships for deaths resulting from Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

Neurological and Autoimmune Disease Hospitalization Analysis. The exposure-response analyses revealed no evidence for an increase in hospitalization rates due to neurological disease or autoimmune disease with increasing levels of PAVE PAWS radiofrequency energy levels, i.e., there were no significant positive exposure-response relationships for hospitalizations due to Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, ALS, systemic lupus erythematosus, multiple sclerosis, or autoimmune thyroiditis.

<u>Birth Weight Exposure-Response Analysis</u>. The exposure-response analyses revealed no evidence for an increase in low birth weight with increasing levels of PAVE PAWS radiofrequency energy levels, i.e., average birth weight did not decrease with increasing radar exposure and there were no significant positive exposure-response relationships for the percentage of newborns having birth weights of less than 2,500 grams.

IEI concluded that in the absence of reliable new scientific evidence implicating radar exposure as a risk factor for specific disease, additional epidemiologic investigations concerning PAVE PAWS radar exposure are not warranted (International Epidemiology Institute, 2006).

The Air Force supports the recommendations made by the National Research Council and intends to pursue the dopamine and tree growth studies. As they are not included in the scope of this SEIS as defined during the public scoping process, the dopamine and tree growth studies will be pursued independent of this SEIS.

4.3 CUMULATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES

Cumulative impacts result from "the incremental impact of actions when added to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions regardless of what agency undertakes such other actions. Cumulative impacts can result from individually minor but collectively significant actions taking place over a period of time" (Council on Environmental Quality, 1978).

A recent (2004) action that occurred at Cape Cod AFS was the implementation of the SLEP. SLEP replacement equipment, computer components, and rehosting software would not change the power output or characteristics of the RFE being emitted from the radar. No cumulative impacts have occurred as a result of implementing Early Warning Radar (EWR) SLEP activities at Cape Cod AFS. Other actions in the vicinity of the EWR installation were evaluated to determine whether cumulative environmental impacts could result from the continued operation of the PAVE PAWS radar in conjunction with other past, present, or reasonably foreseeable future actions.

The DSCS and Milstar communication systems contributions to the general RFE environment would not adversely impact the health and safety of the surrounding communities. An EA addressing the installation and operation of the Milstar fixed-communication control station at Cape Cod AFS was completed in April 2002; the EA resulted in a FONSI (U.S. Air Force, 2002a). No cumulative impacts are anticipated.

The measurements conducted around the DSCS (738th Engineering Installation Squadron, 2000) indicated that exposures were below the occupational exposure limits for the system, as specified in IEEE C95.1-1999. Accordingly, the highest measurement was obtained directly in front of the feedhorn (i.e., extension protruding from the aperture), which is the actual RFE source for the aperture. This measurement was only obtained by using a man lift; therefore, this exposure is not possible at ground level. Furthermore, due to the operational angles that

DSCS uses to communicate with the various satellites, the potential impact of sidelobe energy within surrounding communities is unlikely, and impact of the main beam is not possible. No cumulative impacts are anticipated.

Future upgrades to the radar are possible. If radar upgrades are proposed, NEPA analysis would be performed at that time.

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8.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

8.1 INTRODUCTION

The Air Force has complied with the NEPA mandate of public participation in the environmental impact analysis process primarily in three ways:

- Public scoping meetings were held at the following locations at which the Air Force presented an overview of the PAVE PAWS radar system, described the Proposed Action and alternatives, and invited public comments:
 - May 8, 2000 at the Forestdale Elementary School in Sandwich, Massachusetts
 - May 11, 2000 at the Bourne Best Western in Bourne, Massachusetts
 - May 15, 2000 at the Mashpee High School in Mashpee Massachusetts
 - May 16, 2000 at the Falmouth Holiday Inn in Falmouth, Massachusetts
 - August 14, 2000 at the Forestdale Elementary School in Sandwich, Massachusetts
 - August 16, 2000 at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute in Woods Hole, Massachusetts
 - August 17, 2000 at the Barnstable Marstons Mills Middle School in Marstons Mills, Massachusetts
 - March 17, 2003 at the Human Services Building in Sandwich, Massachusetts
 - March 19, 2003 at the Jonathan Bourne Public Library in Bourne, Massachusetts
 - March 20, 2003 at the Falmouth Town Hall in Falmouth, Massachusetts
 - March 24, 2003 at the Mashpee High School in Mashpee Massachusetts.
- A public hearing was held in Bourne, Massachusetts, on July 15, 2008 at which the Air Force presented the findings of the Draft SEIS and invited public comments.
- The Draft SEIS was made available for public review and comment in June 2008.

Public comments received both verbally at the public hearing and in writing during the review period have been considered and are addressed by the Air Force in this section.

8.2 ORGANIZATION

This Public Comment and Response section is organized into several subsections, as follows:

- This Introduction, which describes the process, organization, and approach taken in addressing public comments
- A consolidated comment-response document
- An index of commentors
- A transcript of the public hearing
- · Photocopies of written comments received.

These sections are described below.

Comments received that are similar in nature or address similar concerns have been consolidated to focus on the issues of concern, and a response is provided that addresses all of the similar comments. Some comments simply state a fact or opinion; for example "the Draft SEIS adequately assesses the impacts on [a resource area]." Such comments, although appreciated, do not require a specific response and are not called out herein. The comments and responses are grouped by area of concern, as follows:

- 1.0 Air Force Policy
- 2.0 Purpose and Need for Action
- 3.0 Alternatives Including the Proposed Action
- 4.0 Solid State Phased-Array Radar
- 5.0 Health and Safety
- 6.0 Recent Cape Cod Air Force Station Radiofrequency Studies/Reviews

Within each area, each consolidated comment-response is numbered sequentially. For example, under 5.0 Health and Safety, individual comments-responses are numbered 5.1, 5.2, etc. At the end of each numbered comment-response is a set of numbers that refer to the specific comment in the documents received that were combined into that consolidated comment. The numbers of the individual comments are indicated in parentheses (e.g., 3-1, 6-2, 9-7). Comment 3-1, for example, refers to document 3, comment number 1. A reader who wishes to read the specific comment(s) received may turn to the

photocopies of the documents included in this section. Below each comment number is the number of the consolidated comment in which the specific comment has been encompassed (e.g., 6.1). Thus the reader may reference back and forth between the consolidated comments-responses and the specific comment documents as they were received.

It should be emphasized that not only have responses to SEIS comments been addressed in this comment-response section, as explained, but the text of the SEIS has also been revised, as appropriate, to reflect the concerns expressed in the public comments.

The list of commentors includes the name of the commentor, the identifying document number that has been assigned to it, and the page number in this section on which the photocopy of the document is presented.

1.0 Air Force Policy

1.1 Comment: Opposed to the operation of the PAVE PAWS radar. (7-3)

Response: In order to detect ICBM and SLBM raids against North America, the U.S. military operates an extensive early warning network consisting of ground-based radars and space-based sensors. The PAVE PAWS radar at Cape Cod AFS is the only radar in the nation that is able to confirm a detected missile launch towards the United States or Canada from the east. The Solid-State Phased-Array Radar System or SSPARS, is used to accomplish the missions of missile warning and space surveillance.

2.0 Purpose and Need for Action

No comments were received for this area of concern.

3.0 Alternatives Including the Proposed Action

3.1 <u>Comment</u>: The SEIS did not address the alternative action of moving the PAVE PAWS radar to a remote location. (7-7)

Response: The 1979 EIS presented a discussion of alternatives considered but eliminated from further consideration with regard to siting the radar facility. In addition, the 2002 EA for the PAVE PAWS Service Life Extension program considered the alternative to move the radar facility; however, this alternative was eliminated from further consideration because it did not meet the purpose and need of the Proposed Action. Because the primary concerns raised during the scoping process involved the potential health effects from the continued operation of the PAVE PAWS radar, this SEIS focuses on recent health studies and literature reviews that address RFE emitted from radar.

4.0 Solid State Phased-Array Radar System

4.1 <u>Comment</u>: A description of the polarization of the radar waves has been omitted. (9-1)

<u>Response</u>: Polarization of the radar waves is right-hand circular on transmit and left-hand circular on receive.

4.2 <u>Comment</u>: The peak power level of the radar is mistakenly shown as 340 watts. (9-2)

Response: The correct peak power for the active antenna elements is 340 watts.

4.3 <u>Comment</u>: Figures depicting sidelobe energy are not correct. (9-3)

<u>Response</u>: Figures depicting sidelobe energy are for illustrative purposes only. Figure 3.1-8 has been revised to show sidelobe energy above and below the main beam.

4.4 <u>Comment</u>: A number of the specifications and operational characteristics of the PAVE PAWS radar has changed since the 1979 EIS was prepared. (9-4)

Response: The specifications presented in the 1979 EIS identified the design specifications as the radar was being constructed. Based on analysis and study of actual operational conditions of the radar, the SEIS presents the most resent statistics for the operation of the facility.

4.5 <u>Comment</u>: Is the repetition rate the same during the tracking mode as it is during the search mode (i.e., 54 millisecond [mSec] cycle)? (10-1)

Response: Tracking associated with range/elevation to include type of pulse used is classified SECRET. However, the fact that the radar uses the 17 Hz (or 18 Hz) 54 mSec resources for scheduling/planning purposes does not mean anything is tracked at that rate. There is no "surveillance" vs "tracking " mode. The radar performs all of its scheduling using the 54 mSec resource periods assigning surveillance or track to a given resource period as needed. Except for special higher elevation taskings, it only uses a once per 4 second or once per second tracking rate. The radar uses a Linear Frequency Modulated chirp waveform. It is not stepped.

5.0 Health and Safety

5.1 <u>Comment</u>: The conclusions regarding the potential health effects of the operation of the PAVE PAWS radar are reasonable. (2-1)

Response: The purpose of the SEIS is to describe and address the potential health effects of RFE from the ongoing operation of the PAVE PAWS radar at Cape Cod AFS and incorporate the findings of studies and literature reviews (identified during the scoping process) regarding RFE and radar operations.

5.2 <u>Comment</u>: A discussion of RFE attenuation is provided; however, a discussion of RFE enhancement is not provided in the SEIS. (9-5)

Response: Based on scoping comments regarding exposure to sidelobe energy, a discussion of RFE attenuation alternatives was provided to illustrate the degree of RFE exposure that could be attained with various barriers. A discussion of RFE enhancement is not provided; however, Appendix F of the SEIS provides an explanation of the difficulties that exist in assessing the potential health hazards to man from exposure to RFE because of the complex relationship between the exposure conditions and the energy absorbed. The absorbed dose and rate of energy absorption depend critically on such variables as frequency, power density, field polarization, the size and shape of the exposed subject, and environmental factors. This appendix summarizes information regarding RFE/microwave bioeffects including scientific/peerreviewed studies completed by both electromagnetic energy research organizations and scientists related to the biological effects resulting from the interaction of RFE/microwave energy with biological matter and systems.

5.3 <u>Comment</u>: The SEIS makes no mention of enhanced energy deposition rates in the human body as discussed in a National Research Council report released in 1979. (9-6)

Response: In support of the findings presented in the SEIS, the National Research Council performed a literature review of RFE studies that link RFE exposure to adverse health effects. Appendix F of the SEIS also provides a brief explanation of the difficulties that exist in assessing the potential health hazards to man from exposure to RFE because of the complex relationship between the exposure conditions and the energy absorbed. This appendix summarizes information regarding RFE/microwave bioeffects including scientific/peer-reviewed studies completed by both electromagnetic energy research organizations and scientists related to the biological effects resulting from the interaction of RFE/microwave energy with biological matter and systems.

5.4 <u>Comment:</u> The enhanced search mode of operation was not mentioned in the review of PAVE PAWS potential health effects or the SEIS. Note that this question refers to a National Academy of Science (NAS) statement that ends "This scan is not interrupted for other functions and repeats approximately every 2.5 seconds." (9-7)

Response: The enhanced search (surveillance) mode of operation is a normal mode of the radar, which it uses all the time. The NAS description does not clearly explain the enhanced search mode. The enhanced search mode is the lowest item on the radar's list of priorities. The radar uses available duty cycle for the enhanced search mode when it has no other tasks to perform. The radar cannot exceed its duty cycle (25 percent) to perform enhanced search. The enhanced search scan is not completed within a 2.5 second period. When the system performs enhanced search, the radar completes its surveillance scan in less than 41 seconds. For example, it may take 34 seconds to complete the surveillance scan, rather than 41 seconds. Also, the enhanced search operation would be interrupted if there are other tasks for the radar to perform. Since enhanced search is always in operation, RFE measurements have been taken with enhanced search in effect and all measurements were below the permissible exposure limit (PEL).

5.5 <u>Comment</u>: As requested in 1979, continuous environmental monitoring of the PAVE PAWS radar should be conducted. (9-8)

<u>Response</u>: The Air Force has begun and will continue to conduct periodic monitoring of the RFE emitted from the PAVE PAWS radar at Cape Cod AFS.

6.0 Recent Cape Cod Air Force Station Radiofrequency Studies/Reviews

6.1 <u>Comment</u>: The Air Force should reconsider its proposal to separate the study of tree growth in the vicinity of the PAVE PAWS facility, and the influence of low level RFE exposures on brain dopamine levels from the SEIS. (3-1, 4-2, 7-8)

Response: Because the tree growth study and brain dopamine level study were not included in the scope of the SEIS as defined during the public scoping process, the Air Force will pursue these studies independent of the SEIS and results will be communicated to concerned agencies and the public.

6.2 <u>Comment</u>: Technical comments received on the Draft SEIS related to the methods employed or interpretation of studies conducted within the scope of the SEIS on RFE and/or potential public health effects from the PAVE PAWS radar should be directed to the National Research Council. (4-1)

<u>Response</u>: Comments received regarding methodology and interpretation of studies will be forwarded to the National Research Council and/or appropriate knowledgeable experts for consideration.

6.3 <u>Comment</u>: Studies conducted in support of the SEIS should be made available to the public at local libraries and maintained on the internet for the period of time that PAVE PAWS remains operational. (4-3)

Response: Studies conducted in support of the SEIS were posted in local libraries when they were released. The length of time those studies are maintained at the libraries varies based on the library policy. All studies will be maintained in perpetuity at Cape Cod AFS. The public may request copies of the studies by contacting the 6th Space Warning Squadron Public Affairs office.

In addition to distribution to local libraries, the draft SEIS was posted to the 21st Space Wing website, on the PAVE PAWS fact sheet. The final SEIS will also be posted at that location, and filed with the Environmental Protection Agency, and with the Defense Technical Information Center.

6.4 <u>Comment</u>: More research is required in a laboratory where controlled conditions can help identify phased array radar response biomarkers in the exposed populations of cells/organisms. If laboratory studies show a dose/response relationship, then a human health risk assessment can be pursued to evaluate potential adverse health outcomes. (5-1)

Response: The National Research Council (NRC) concluded that phased array radiation is in fact similar to that of continuous narrow-band reflectors, or "dish antennas." There are no known physical mechanisms that cause an RFE-tissue interaction to result in biological changes due to exposure at power densities on the order of 1 uW/cm². Studies indicate that adverse impact to tissue is from the thermal effect of RFE exposure. Where RFE is not sufficient to significantly raise the temperature in tissue, there is no evidence of adverse effects on mammalian reproduction and development.

Phased array systems are not used in bioeffects research because the scientific community has determined they are not necessary or practical. The World Health Organization, in its research priorities for the International Electromagnetic Fields Projects, does not identify phased array radar bioeffects among the listed research deficiencies. The fact that electromagnetic fields are formed by a phased array of multiple antenna elements rather than by a single antenna is not relevant to biological exposures. The overwhelming body of scientific evidence indicates injury to biological systems can only occur if the energy content of microwave radiation exceeds IEEE limits. In the case of PAVE PAWS, the energy of microwave emissions reaching the public is hundreds, if not thousands, of times below the level where biological damage can occur due to thermal impacts. The Air Force Research Laboratory will continue to conduct scientific studies on the biological effects of RFE to support other military applications of microwave energy.

6.5 <u>Comment</u>: The SEIS does not document publicly funded and civilian sponsored studies. (6-1, 7-2)

Response: The SEIS incorporates the findings of studies and literature reviews regarding RFE and radar operations. The site-specific studies and RFE literature reviews that were completed to specifically address the general concerns brought forth regarding low level exposures to RFE as well as the PAVE PAWS pulsed waveform generated by a phased-array radar include:

- Preliminary Measurements of the PAVE PAWS Radar
- Time Domain Waveform Characterization Measurements of the PAVE PAWS Radar
- Survey of RFE Field Emissions from the PAVE PAWS Radar
- Assessment of Potential Health Effects 1 from Exposure to PAVE PAWS Low-Level Phased-Array RFE
- Literature Review Public Health Evaluation of RFE from the PAVE PAWS Radar
- · Risk Assessment of Low-Level Phased-Array RFE Emissions, and
- Public Health Assessment of Exposure to Low-level RFE Emitted from the PAVE PAWS Radar.

The SEIS provides an overview of these peer-reviewed studies that address the operation and potential health effects of RFE emitted from the PAVE PAWS radar.

6.6 <u>Comment</u>: The SEIS does not accurately reflect community concerns. (6-2, 7-1, 7-4, 9-9, 9-14)

Response: The purpose of the SEIS is to describe and address the potential health effects of RFE from the ongoing operation of the PAVE PAWS radar at Cape Cod AFS and incorporates the findings of studies and literature reviews regarding RFE and radar operations.

The primary concern raised during the public scoping process was the potential health effects of operating the PAVE PAWS radar as there is a higher than expected rate of a number of cancers on Cape Cod. A PAVE PAWS Public Health Steering Group (PPPHSG) was established in 2001 in response to public requests for an independent evaluation of possible health effects associated with exposure to the PAVE PAWS radar. The PPPHSG was made up of representatives from local Boards of Health, the County Department of Health and Environment, and the State Department of Public Health. Based on public input, three primary issues regarding the operation PAVE PAWS radar were identified, including:

- Measuring the average and peak radar exposures experienced by the community and then using these measurements to develop models to predict radar exposure of people living in the area,
- Analyzing plausible health outcomes from the radar exposure using descriptive epidemiology, and
- Characterizing special features of the PAVE PAWS waveform based on hypotheses proposed by the public.

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6.7 <u>Comment</u>: The timeline of events and referenced documents listed on the Coalition for the Operation of PAVE PAWS Safely website should be printed in the SEIS. (7-5)

Response: The timeline of events as provided will be incorporated into the SEIS with other public comments received.

6.8 <u>Comment</u>: The SEIS did not include the results of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) study of childhood cancer in the towns of Sandwich, Mashpee, and Barnstable. (7-6)

Response: As part of the PPPHSG scope of studies for the PAVE PAWS radar, a public health assessment for exposure to low-level RFE emitted from the PAVE PAWS radar was conducted in 2005, to evaluate the potential health effects of public exposure to low-level RFE emitted from the PAVE PAWS radar system at Cape Cod AFS.

This assessment analyzed available data for county mortality and county cancer mortality and from the hospital discharge registry. Data provided by the MDPH regarding cancer incidence, birth defects, and birth weight were compiled and analyzed. The available RFE characterization survey results for the PAVE PAWS radar in terms of the known and biologically plausible hypothesized public health effects were analyzed and interpreted. The analysis utilized the analyses of the outcomes data and information in relevant scientific literature to describe the relationship among the various RFE exposure characteristics and existing health outcomes determined to be biologically plausible. The assessment was submitted to MDPH for review to confirm that the health data provided had been used in conformance with the requirements of applicable laws and regulations. The evaluation concluded that there is currently no credible evidence for adverse health effects associated with the operation of the PAVE PAWS radar system.

The recently released childhood cancer study by MDPH was not available at the time the public health assessment was conducted in 2005.

6.9 <u>Comment</u>: The 2004 measurement data did not consider peak measurement data and shows possible instances of "clipping"; therefore, the data is inappropriate to use in health effects analysis. (1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 9-10, 9-11, 9-12, 9-13, 9-15)

Response: The epidemiological work was based primarily on antenna and propagation modeling, rather than the 50 field measurements. The field measurements served to validate the propagation modeling. Therefore, even if some of the peak data and some of the average data from the field measurements were corrupt, the concerns are irrelevant to the outcome of the epidemiology study. The epidemiological study was based on detailed propagation mapping which in turn was based on a detailed modeling of the radar average antenna pattern and a detailed drive-test assessment of the accuracy of the propagation model of ultra high-frequency (UHF) emissions from the radar site.

The Test Plan concluded that the best outcome of the RFE study would be to estimate the average radiofrequency power density for the entire Cape Cod region with a geographical resolution sufficient to characterize the exposure levels within each Census Block Group. With respect to the epidemiological study, the measurements from the 50 sites were only a small representative sampling of Cape Cod locations and were chosen for their variability in distance, terrain, azimuth, and the like. The measurements at these sites would not have been sufficient to base an

epidemiological study upon. The results of the 50-site survey were simply employed as a cross-check of the more geographically precise propagation modeling. In lieu of being a statistical database of Capewide radar, the field measurements at the 50 sites provides a set of empirical data points for understanding the behavior of the radar emissions in the Cape Cod environment, which may be particularly useful to make comparisons with applicable safety standards and previous surveys.

Context of the Term "Peak". The primary measurement task of the 2004 survey was to measure the average ambient radar emissions at 50 locations; peak radar emission data was also gathered at the locations during the survey.

The average power of a radar pulse for the duration of the pulse is considered the "peak pulse power." Radar pulses can be modulated by reflections, creating minor peaks and valleys in what would originally have been a flat-top pulse. The peak pulse power of the received pulse would still be the average over the duration of the rippled pulse.

During signal sampling, a peak was identified as the highest level recorded in a set of samples. While the duration of a pulse peak is by definition the duration of the pulse, a sampling peak may have a different duration. Power sampling was taken 20 million times a second, representing a 50 nanosecond (ns) duration for each sample. Thus, the highest average power among a large set of 50 ns samples is considered the peak value for the set.

Each peak sample represents about 22 cycles of the radio waves of the radar at about 440 megahertz (MHz). The measurement methodology of the Final Test Report indicates that brief power excursions above the peak pulse power captured by the fast method would be lost in a longer time sample averaging the entire pulse. The 2004 peak sampling method was termed "fast peak" measurement. In 2007-2008 this measurement was termed "instantaneous peak."

Extremely Large Data Set. The entire 2004 data set was very large, offering a highly effective resource for analyzing the average power of the received radar signal. The 2004 study captured and stored 6.75 million average power data points representing about 75 hours of monitored PAVE PAWS emissions.

The 2004 study was, overall, focused on modeling the radar's environmental emission levels based on potential human exposures with respect to the consensus safety standards. Those standards are based on average exposure to emissions in a broad spectrum. While averages are computed from numerous collected samples, peak values are by definition based on the single highest-level event in a data set. At each location there were 90 minutes of data collection, and six sets of 22,500 average samples recorded. As described, the test system

accumulated power samples at a rate of 20 million samples per second. To limit the sheer volume of the stored data, every 1/25th of a second the instrumentation averaged the most recent 800,000 samples, recorded one average power data point, and cleared the buffer of the most recent 800,000 samples. Meanwhile, the peak detector was tracking each of those 20 million samples per second for the duration of the measurement set and storing only the highest level observed. In the course of taking measurements at one site, a total of 108 billion samples were distilled to a single maximum peak value. This was termed the fast or instantaneous peak value. It is the total power received during a single 20-millionth of a second sample.

Ample Headroom Established. A careful examination of the data sets and the instrument settings reveals that the average power measurements were taken with typically >20 decibel (dB) headroom between the consistently highest 40 ms averages and the 1 dB compression level, accounting for the gain-set of the instrument at the time. This is a far greater margin than needed for the 4 dB pulse-peak-to-average ratio expected in any higher level 40 millisecond (ms) sample.

The transient nature of any purported fast-peak clipping therefore resulted in an infinitesimal impact on the average data. Also, since those measured peaks that resulted in the purported clipping events were more than 20 dB above the consistently highest 40 ms averages, they were not necessarily indicative of received peak pulse power. Since there are not sequences of adjacent maximum-level average data points contained in the numerous data sets examined, that the purported clipping events were not the result of longer duration (i.e., over multiple 40 ms windows) interference.

Outlying Average Data Points Prove Headroom Was Present. There were two outlying data points that were most likely the result of aircraft reflections. Calculations presented in the 2004 Final Test Report indicate the strong possibility that the outlying data points were opportunistic reflections off nearby aircraft which can produce single, non-repetitive, random received pulses that could be stronger than the strongest received pulse propagating from the radar.

With a not-to-exceed average input level in the range of -4 to -10 dBm (decibels referenced to one milliwatt), the higher of the two outlying data points was in that range and may have included fast peak levels above the threshold of the instrumentation. If a peak were clipped in such a circumstance, it would have no material impact on the average power measurement for the site. In general, there are some measurement sets with such outlying 4 ms average data points and many without. However, there is not necessarily a correspondence between measurements that show a supposedly clipped peak data point and measurements that have outlying average data points. Therefore, it was concluded that if some 50 ns fast peaks were clipped, they are more

likely the result of very short duration impulsive noise events than of high or rippled received radar pulses.

Scargo Hill. On the subject of Scargo Hill measurements, computation indicates that the summit of Scargo Hill is at the nominal radar horizon (160 feet elevation at about 18 miles from the radar). If the ideal antenna pattern, with a 2.6 degree nominal first null, were emitted from the radar, Scargo Hill would be just below the null of a 3 degree elevation search beam. If it is assumed that the first null for the 3 degree elevation beam is offset greater than 3 degrees from the beam center, then the summit of Scargo Hill and any other location on the radar horizon is exposed to a point that is low on the skirt of the main beam. This could be in the vicinity of 20 dB below the peak of the main beam, which is a power level similar to the peak of the first sidelobe that is emitted below the horizontal.

Employing the free space loss calculation, because the path to Scargo Hill is line of sight, and assuming that at the radar horizon a site has an exposure that is approximately -20 dB below the Effective Radiated Power of the radar, the higher than typical signal levels measured at Scargo Hill are consistent with this assessment. The environmental emissions of the radar are therefore consistent with the theoretical analysis.

Differences Between 2004 and 1978/1986 Results. The lower average environmental levels of radar energy in 2004 was likely the result of the use of more precise instrumentation than was available in the 1970's and 1980's. Power measurement has progressed significantly in two decades. The instrumentation used in 2004 had a noise floor that was three orders of magnitude more sensitive while at the same time was designed to collect pulses from all channels of the radar under normal operation. The accuracy of current day sensors in the face of pulsed signals is significantly improved. The 2004 average measurements can be relied upon as a state-of-the-art assessment of environmental levels of the radar emissions.

Circular Polarization. Circular polarization is not an exotic means of emitting radiofrequency signals. FM broadcast facilities have employed circular polarization for decades and many television broadcast facilities also employ circular polarization. Further, UHF television transmission facilities frequently are licensed to operate with effective power levels of between 500 kilowatt (kW) and 2,000 kW in the horizontal plane (compared to the radar's pulse effective power of about 600 kW, 3 degrees and greater above horizontal). The radar also operates within the UHF band.

6.10 <u>Comment</u>: A statistically significant excess of Ewing's sarcoma has temporal and spatial relationships to the radar operation that was missed in the epidemiologic study supporting the SEIS. (9-16)

Response: The epidemiologic study performed by IEI considered several disease endpoints selected by the PPPHSG in concert with input from the public. Childhood cancer (all types aggregated) was among the endpoints considered. The overall incidence of childhood cancers on the Cape was not statistically different from the reference locations in Massachusetts. Specific childhood cancers, such as Ewing's sarcoma/Ewing's family of tumors (EFOT), were not addressed. Subsequent public comments raised concern about the elevation in the incidence of this rare tumor type on the Cape relative to expected cases. The public asked whether these rare tumors could be linked causally to exposure of residents to radar emissions from the PAVE PAWS facility.

In response to the public's concern, the Massachusetts Department of Health (MDPH) conducted an investigation that confirmed the elevated incidence (i.e., new cases) of EFOT on the Cape during the ten year period of 1995 to 2004. MDPH identified and characterized the patients with EFOT, determined their temporal and geographic histories with respect to years at their domicile at time of diagnosis and locations frequented, and contracted with BSL to measure peak radar emissions at domiciles and frequently visited locations as well as a variety of reference locations. The report of this investigation (Massachusetts Department of Public Health, 2007) is thoughtful and thorough. The report carefully addresses the use of statistics as just one tool used in the interpretation of epidemiology studies and notes that "statistical significance does not necessarily imply public health significance (p. 6)."

The MDPH report notes that while the incidence of EFOT on the Cape is higher than expected, generally the patients did not live near each other (absence of geographical clustering). In the only case of nearby domiciles, the patients were diagnosed over 5 years apart. There are mitigating factors with regard to the temporal clustering noted in the years 2003-04, when 5 cases of EFOT were diagnosed. Two of these patients were short-time Cape residents (less than one year) making it unlikely that their conditions resulted from residence on the Cape. In addition, none of the patients lived in areas that experienced the highest quartile of peak power density measurements from PAVE PAWS.

Taken together, the information collected and generated by the MDPH led the Department to conclude that it is unlikely that PAVE PAWS radar emissions are a causative factor in the incidence of EFOT on the Cape. The MDPH states that it will persist in monitoring EFOT incidence on the Cape and will work with local health officials and the public.

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COLONEL EFLEIB: Good evening, ledies and gentlemen. I would like to welcome you to the public hearing on the Dreft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the phased-array radar at Cape Cod Air Force Station.

I am Colonel Dawn Eflein, end I will he
the presiding officer for tonight's hearing. My
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The purpose of tonight's hearing is to receive your comments, suggestions and criticisms of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement or SELS.

Those of you who have not had an opportunity to review the Draft EEIE, may went to read the summary of the major findings in the handout evailable at the door.

In the first pert of tonight's meeting, the members of the penel will brief you on the details of the phesed-errsy redar operation and the findings of the Draft SEIS.

The second part of the meeting wiil give you an opportunity to provide information and make statements for the record. This input ensures that the decision-makers may benefit from your knowledge of the local area and any adverse environmental effects you think may result from the continued operation of the rader.

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Consequently, comments on issues unrelated to the SEIS are rashly hayond the scope of this hearing and will not be addressed.

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I'd like to establish s faw ground rules so that all of us have the benefit of bearing individual comments and so that we have a good meeting transcript.

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If you decide leter to make a comment after this public hearing or if you have edditional considerations, we encourage you to send your written comments to the eddress shown on the acreen or indicated on the written comment sheet.

Finally, if you would like a copy of the Final SEIS, you may easte that on a written comment sheet or on the attendence cerd you filled out at the door,

Privets addresses provided will he compiled to develop the mailing list for those requesting copies of the Fioal SEIS. Fersonal home addresses and phone numbers written on the written comment sheet or ettendance card will not be published to the Fioal SEIS.

If no one has any queations at this time, I will turn the progrem over to Ms. Lynne

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Newmen whn will present as overview of entions leading to the preparetion of the Draft SEIS.

MS. NEWMAN: Good evening, Tedles end gentlemen. My name is Lynne Newman. I'm from Air Force Spacs Command to Colorado Springs,

In 1976, on Environmental Assessment
was prepared to address the construction end
operation of a radar installation at Otis Air
Force Base. This Environmental Assessment
resultsd in an environmental determination for the
proposed phased-stray werning system.

In response to requests made by residents of Cape Cod, members of the Messachusetts Congressional Delegation sod State officials, the Air Force prepared on EIS in 1979 tn provide further study at the potential suvironmental effects of the phased-array radar facility.

In 2000, the Air Force had originally plenned to prepare en EIS to swaluste the potantial affacts of the Service Life Extension Program and oogoing operation of the radar at Cape Cod Air Force Station. However, because the radar was becoming unsupportable due to a lack of replacement parts, the Air Force decided to

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prepare an Environmental Assessment for the proposed Service Life Extension Program ectivities end prepere e Supplemental EIS to evaluate the ongoing operations of the radar.

In 2002, an Environmentel Assessment was prepared for Cepe Cod Air Force Station to addrsss the potential affects of the Service Life Extension Progress. This program called for the replecement of outdeted computer components end the rehoeting of eoftwars to allow the radar to continue operating. This Environmental Assessment resulted in a finding of no significent impact.

We are now in the process of preparing the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the potential health effects of operating the phased-array rader at Cape Cod Air Force Station.

The Supplemental EIS we are undertaking aupplements analysis provided in the 1979 EIS hased on updated information and recent studies regarding the operation of reder systems in order to address potential health effects of operating the phased-array radar at Cepe Cod Air Porce Station.

In addition to tonight's hearing, written comments on the Dreft SEIS will continue

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to be accepted et this address until August 4th.

After the comment period is over, we will evaluate the commente, both written and verbal and parform additional analysis or change the SEIS where necessary.

Once the review process is complete, we will produce a Final SEIS echaduled for completion in the fall of 2008 end mail it to those on the original distribution list for the Dreft SEIS.

If you are not on our mailing list, you can request a copy by writing to this address.

The Final SEIS will include commente received during the public review period end our responsee to those commenta. If approprieta, we will group commenta into catagoriea and respond eccordingly.

The SEIS will assue as input for the Record of Decision. We expect to accomplish the Record Of Decision by the winter of 2008.

The Draft SEIS was prapered to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act or NEPA and the Council on Environmental Quality

Regulations.

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issues that are cleerly related to operation of the reder end to intagrata with other documents required empart of the dacimion-making process.

In closing, I remind you that the SEIS is in draft etage. Our goal is to provide the decision-maker with accurate information on the potential environmental consequences of operating

To do this, we are soliciting your comments on the Dreft SEIS. This information will support informed decision-making.

I would now like to turn the microphone over to Lieutanant Colonel Faul Legandra who will discuse the various radar studies that have been completed.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL LEGENDRE: Thank you, Ms. Mawman.

Good evening. Tonight, I will give you a brief overvice of the studies that have been performed regarding the phased-errey rader system.

It is recognized that health concerns have been reised by some individuels on the Cepe -- on Cepe Cod regarding the ongoing operation of the PAVE PAWS Redar.

These concerns heve been addressed by

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several Caps Cod Air Force Station aite-apecific studies end literature reviews. And these studies and literature raviews specifically eddress the general concerns brought forth regerding exposura to low-level radiofrequency energy as well as the PAVE PAWS pulse waveform generated by a phesed-errey radar.

The studies and reviews. Seven atudies and literature reviews have recently been completed that address the pheased-array rader operation.

Theam studies include the preliminary measurements of the PAVE PAWS Radar, thm time-domain weveform cherecterization measurements of the PAVE PAWS Redar, aurvey of radiofrequency energy field emissione from the PAVE PAWS Redar, essessment of potential health affects from exposure to PAVE PAWS low-lavel phassd-arrey rediofrequency energy, literature review public health evaluation of rediofrequency energy from the PAVE PAWS Reder, risk essessment of low-level phased-errey rediofrequency energy amissions, end public health essessment of exposure to low-level radiofrequency energy emitted from the PAVE PAWS Eader.

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And I'll give you e brief overview of the etudies that have been performed regarding the phased-array rader eyetem at Cape Cod Air Porce Station.

The preliminary measurement of the PAVE PAMS Radar. The preliminary measurement of the PAVE PAMS Radar conducted in Merch 2002 provided information about the time-domain waveform characterization of the PAVS PAMS Radar that wee used in planning the next phase of measurements.

The preliminary measurements helped determine the fessibility of the low-level measurements, determined alectromegnetic eigosl ecreening fessibility, established the community radiofrequency background levels and provided insight shout the challenges that could be encountered when performing the time-domain measurements.

The time-domein waveform characterisation measurements of the PAVE PAWS Radar. The time-domein wavaform measurements data was collected in April of 2003 and was used to assess the existence, and perhaps the importance, of the radial electric field components, elopes of the electric field end phasing changes.

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The data acquired indicated that the electric fields produced by the PAVE PAWS Radar are highly chengeable, likely depending on a number of factors; such es, the direction of the beam, multi-path effects; such as, ground-bouncing and ecattering from the neighboring objects, and the types of pulses heing rediated.

The electromagnetic environment is made even more complex by nther radiatore in the region; such se, a T.V. end radio station.

Changes in measurement randings were observed by eimply moving a sensor less than a foot in any direction. This suggests that any effort to bounce electromagnetic exposure should carefully consider the possible scenarios for the potential radiators to ensure that the correct conditions are used for the bouncing process.

Survey of the rediofrequency energy field emissions from PAVE PAWS Radar. During the eurvey in 2004, the peak average powar density measurements and peak average electrical field measurements were completed at various locations on Cane Cod.

Rediofrequency energy measurements collected during the euryey were well below the

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applicable less geomet public amposure limit.

The validated geographic exposure data
from this study was used by public health experts
to support the epidemiological study.

Kmy findings of the surveye included the Rader'e average power density et all 50 PAVE PAWS test eites was well below the maximum permissible exponers especified by IEEE eafety

The differences in power density measurements et en antenna height of 20 feet and at a beight of 8 feet was highly variable.

However, when everaged over the 14 measurement eitsa, the high eites showed approximately 5 dB greater eignel, consistent with the "rule of thumb" that doubling the height of a VMF or e UMF antenna in proximity to the earth's surface approximately doubles the eignel strength.

Samples of all cleases of the PAWE PAWS
waveform were observed. Long rengm eserch
doublete end triplete were nheerved independent of
the eximuth from the radar entenna indicating the
presence of the escondary side lobes and/or

At many PAVE PAWS teet eitee, numeroue

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received pulses appared to have amplitude modulation imposed upon them. Since the eteady-etate amplitude of the transmitted PAVE PAWS eignal is constant, the amplitude modulation was likely produced by the environment.

It wee determined that the most likely cource is reflection from a multitude of "targete"; such se, sircraft, water tanke, redio towers and the emoke eteck at the Sandwich Power Plant.

When observing the PAVE PAWS channels in e "mex hold" mode on the epectrum analyzer for extended periods, frequency-eslective fediog produced by multiple transmission paths was frequently observed.

Signale observed from behind the rader were most likely produced from back ecatter from the main beem of the rader, rather than from "behind the errey" side lobes or "edge diffraction" effects.

The receiver signal level measured hehind the redar is similar to paging, land mobilms and low-powered PM station transmitters, suggesting that considering the power of the radar, there is little radiation 'behind' the

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plane of the antenna.

On the roof of the PAVE PAWS facility, with the instrument penetrating the plane of the rader face from behind, the measured radiofrequency energy occasionally peaked to five percent of the occupational exposure limit.

With the instruments rapositioned above the roof, just behind the pisms of the radar face, the radiofrequency energy limit fell below the sensitivity of the instruments.

This observation supports the findings that there is iittle radiation behind the pians of the antenna.

It was not possible to distinguish first slds lobe pulses from secondary eide lobe pulses that were received at a test site. There were variations in signal levels from pulse to pulse caused by been pointing propagation and the like that biurred the distinction between received first side iobs energy and receiving second side lobe energy.

Even when mlles away, large commercial mircrsft have sufficient radar cross section to raturn a measurable signal to the instrumentation vin "backscatter" when the plane is illuminated by

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the PAVE PAWS mein heam.

The survey also compared the massuramente from the current aurvey with those taken in 1978 and in 1986. Overall, the previous studies' measuraments appeared to be ganarally higher than the current measuraments. There could he several reasons for this difference, including iimltations of the previous test systems or the manner in which the power density was derived from the measuraments. The radiofrequency measuraments collected during the 2004 survey were below the applicable IRRE general public exposure iimits.

Assessment of potential health effects from exposure to PAVE PAWS low-level phased-erray radiofrequency energy.

This assessment, prepared by The
National Research Council, consists of a raview
of the scientific data and literature related to
the radiofrequency energy in the range of the PAVE
PAMS system. This was done because there was no
specific atudise of a phased-array system similar
to PAVE PAMS in the public domein.

The review included classified documentation of recessor that could be relevant to the PAVE PAWS system and the weveform

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characterisation study.

Based on the raview of available scientific svidence, the National Rassarch Council Committee concluded that there was no adveree hashth effects to the general population resulting from the continued or long-term exposure to PAVE PAWS phesed-array radiofrequency sensations.

The Committee also concluded that there was no observable increase in total cancer or cancers of the prostate, breast, lung or colon due to PAVE FAWS radiofrequency energy.

The Committee also found that the waveform characterisation dats collected for the PAVE PAWS Redar is similar to exposure from "dish" raders to which the public are continuously exposed.

The Committae recommended that the atudiss of tree growth in the vicinity of the PAVE PAWS facility should be conducted. A study of long-term exposures under conditions similar to human exposures could provide useful information as to the possible mechanisms for a hiological response that currently does not exist.

The Committee also recommended that s replication of s central nervous system endocrins

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function study be undertaken to confirm or refute previous Air Foros-sponsored studies that show a significant and extended influence on brain dopamine levels during low-level radiofrequency exposures similar to that of PAVE PAWS.

The Committee clarified that the future spidsmiologic studies should not he conducted unlass they are expected to have sufficient statistical ability to be able to detect any possible health effects in the Caps Cod population.

The Air Force supports the recommendations made by the National Research Council. These studies would be accomplished independent of the SEIS.

The literature review public health svaluation of radiofrequency energy from PAVE PAWS Radar.

This literature review focused on identifying etudies that link radiofrequency energy to adverse health effecte. The study found that the diseases lieted in the slides have been studied for linke to radiofrequency energy. The study suggested that radiofraquency energy and adverse health effect studies be prioritised to

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concerns with the lieted diseases, which include leukemia, brsio cancer, lung and breast cancer in womeo, low birth weight and hirth defects, auto-immune diseases, such ss. lupus, Alsbeimer'a

Rick assessments of low-level physical physical physical physical physical results of the physical res

The Armed Forcea Bpidemiological Board or AFEB, met in 2002 to consider n request from the Air Force Surgeon General regerding a risk assessment of low-leval phased-array radiofrequency soorgy emissions, as phased-array radar systems are used throughout the Department of Defense and io the commercial end private sectors and concero had been raised regarding potential adverse health risks from low-level exposures at the Air Force PAVE PAMS facility on fame Cod.

The APEB received presentations, briefings and matarials regarding various sepects of rediofrequency energy, epidemiological studies and operation of phased-array systems.

The APRE slso reviewed several hundred studies focusing on spidsmiological studies of radiofrequency enargy exposures, IEEE and DOD

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exposure etsndards and etandards setting process for radioirsquency energy, studies on radiofrequency energy hio-effects and over 45 etudies and public health assessments epecifically for exposure and health outcomes of the Cape Cod

The AFSE found that published studies do not conviocingly suggest that exposures to continuous wave radiofrequency energies at or below the IEEE standards results in edveree health effects, and currently scientific data do not indicate that phased-array are any different.

Current exposure atendarde as established by the ISES, although based primerily on continuous wave rediofrequency energy, appear completely indequate to protect workers and general population health in relation to potential health effects of the PAVE PAMS phased-array system.

The APEE did not identify any evidence euggesting s cause and effect relationship between the county or town level elevated standardized rate ratios of disease in Massachusetts and the PAVE PAME phased-stray system.

There was no immediate indication to support either initiation of new or further

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enelysis of existing epidemiological investigations of the association between radiofrequency energy emissions from the PAVE PAWS fscility and any apecific health outcomes.

And then the public health assessment for exposure to lcw-level radiofrequency energy emitted from the FAVE PAWS Redar.

As a follow-up -- e follow-on to the literature review conducted in 2004, this assessment avaluated the potential health effects of public exposure to low-level radiofrequency energy emitted from the PAVE PAWS Rader eyetem at Cape Cod Air Force Station.

This assessment analyzed svailable data for county mortality and county ceces mortality and from the hospital discharge registry.

Data provided by the Massachusette Department Of Public Health regarding cencer iocidence, hirth defects and birth weights were compiled and analyzed.

The available rediofrequency energy characterization survey results for the PAVE PAMS Radar in terms of the known and biological plausible hypothesized public health effects were analyzed and interpreted.

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The investigation utilised the analysis of the outcomee, outcome data and the information and relevant eciantific literature to describe the relationship among the various radiofrequency energy exposure cherecteristics and existing health outcomes determined to be biologically plausible.

The assessment was submitted to the Massachusetts Department Of Public Health for review to confirm that the bealth data provided had been used in conformance with the requirements of applicable laws and regulations.

The evaluation concluded that there is currently no credible evidence for adverse health effects essociated with the operation of the PAVE PANS Rader system.

Rates for most of the concern that initially led to concerns about the poseible adverse health effects from PAVE PAWS Redar exposure were found to be elevated on Cape Cod prior to 1976 when the PAVE PAWS fecility began

That eummarizee the findings of the recsot etudies and literature revinwe that have been conducted. I'd like now to turn it back over

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to Colonel Eflein.

COLONEL BFLEIN: Theok you, Lieutenant Colonel Legendre. We're going to take a 15-minute recess at this time and thes we will move into the public commest portios of the hearing.

Please fill out your cards, if you wish to speak, and place them is the box so we can address everybedy when we some back.

(Short break was takes.)

COLONEL MPLHIM: Ladies and centlemen. we're going to resume the hearing at this time.

Before we proceed, I will remind you of e couple of poiota. Please address your remerks to me so that they can be recorded in the official

Please limit your comments to five minutes so that everyone can be heard. Also plasse etate your came clearly before you meks a statement for the record.

At this time I would like to call on the first speaker, Mr. Wayne Sellin. Bir, that microphone should be on for you so --

WW. WAYNE EELLIN: Wayne Sellis. Okay. I have perticipated with the Air Porce eod with the PAVE PAWE Steering Group working on the

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various atediss and field etedies and measurements and the quality of the engineer for the Mavy aubmarine directorate. And the stendarde that they use for their measurements and for their fact finding end for their analysis have all been

The aituation was that we had e lot of peopls who were just being hermful to the process and to ite finding the facts. They were dealt with in a very effective menner by just presenting facte uotil they just couldn't come up with anything more.

But this study has been very important not only for PAVE PAWE, but for other tracamiasions.

Por instance, it does address cell phones sod FM radio. If you want to talk about -this is the same frequency as PM redie.

And the other ose I would like to asy a word about which he Doctor Adair from I think it'e in Connecticut, 1 can't think of the achool right now. Wut he came and gave a presentation before thie got started addressing all of Doctor Albaceae'e commects. If enyone is interested, 1 have the original video tape of Doctor Albaneae's

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Again, I would like to commend the Lieutenant Colonel here and the other Air Force people I've worked with -- oh, sioce 2002. And it's just been a superior performance and just well done. So thank you very much.

COLOMBL EFLEIN: Thank you for your comment, air. West apeaker is Wr. Bernard Young.

MR. BERNARD YOUNG: Thank you, Colonel. Bernard Young from Denoia. Dennia is a community which consistently gets the highest reported values of emissions from PAVE PAWE Radar. It wee the highest measurement made in 2004 and it was the highest measurement made in 2007 from The Department Of Public Realth.

I would like to point out that the measurements made in 2004 we're told tonight were 1 less than 1878 and 1888. Weesurements made in

6.9 2004 were for the most pert subject to an instrumentation there called clipping.

> Of the 80 aitss where measurements were mode, 27 of those sites, the peak measurements had fell oo three diacrete values, 15 mioro watta per aquare centimeter, 1.5 er .18. These three values are each a factor of ten or a hundred different

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Immediately, that raises the quantition non inatrumentatios error called clipping. In that case, you don't know what the true velue of the exposure is. The instrument couldn't read

lawestigeting further, we coted that when the firm that wea making the measurements had used a gain of 20, because they knew the signal was being lerge, they got the largest value, 18 mioro watts per aquare centimeter at five points. Wheo the aigmal was oot quite as large, thay used more of a gain. And again they boosted the aignal up to asturate as amplifier, and at the next nine poiota it produced 1.8 micro watts per aquare centimeter.

And finally, for the weaker aignals 13 of the poists were reported as .15 micro wette per squars centimeter and a daim of 40 was used.

They also failed to compare the dete given on the Environmental Impact Statement in 1879 Appendix C. If you do that, you'll see that the peak measurements et teo of the points of the 50 atsticoa measured throughout Cape Cod exceeded

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the envelope of the entenna pattern.

Indeed, the nne in Dennie, 18 and a helf miles away, was only 3 dB below the peak of the main been.

So it's eice to talk about the energy coming from first eide lobe or the second eide lobe. A measurement made in Dennia is consistent with the main beam. We've been consistently told that the mein beam cover tnuchee the earth. And that wee reiterated by the people who took the measurements in 2004.

Looking into the metter even deeper, I went to the compact disk that was hurned of the 292 meseurements mede at these varines 50 sites. And we found in thet ceae 240 -- or 142 of them. just about half, were traceable in the meximum outpet of one particular amplifier is the chais. That amplifier just chuldn't put out any more data.

And if you would take a look, to plot the date in the order from the emellest to the largest, you can see that it reaches a step sod it doesn't go eny higher. That is olipping.

so we really don't know what the value of the exposure wee in 2004 when these

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mesaurementa were mede.

Consequently, we cen't be enre nr we 6.9 reelly -- it would be inappropriate to use that deta to come to say health effects conclusions.

And that corrupted data, therefore, corrupts the messerements reported in the Massachusetta Department of Public Sealth Monort nn PAVE PAMS and Ewing sarcoms.

In that report, they compared the peaks tn the averages, end they reported that the value as decibels, it stends out like a sore thunh, that four of those cases the decibel velue was

That meens the peaks were less than the averages. That's not poseible. You don't take e course where based on three grades and get a 70, a 75 and an 80 and wind up with a 85 for your average. Peaks heve to be greater then the AVETAGES.

When -- in eddressing these objections, the firm that did the measurements in 2004 said that they -- the measurements in 2004 were from outside interferers. They said -- and they said they'd emplein that in their 2004 report. They did no such thing.

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In the test plen, there wes a question releed about teking precentions so that onteids ioterferiog dido't cerrupt the messuremeets. And they explained twice that they were taking precentions to make ours that there were on nutside interferera or outside transcissions, degradation from other sources interfering with their messurements.

When they made their report, eix different times they empleio that outside interferers were not correption the date.

But when coofronted with the clipping problem is their data, the seme contractor told the Messechusetta Department Of Public Seelth that those results are from outside interferers. That is a self-contradiction. That celf-contradiction needs to be resolved.

I have a work in progress, which I will try to wrap up in time to provide a written comment that will have the figures, which I ween't able to put together for tenight's discussion. Thack you.

COLONSL SFLSIN: Mr. Young, thank you for your comments.

Did you want to leave the hendout or

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the visual that you showed, did you went to leave that for ua? Or do you went to include that with your written comments, sir?

MR. SERMARD YOUNG: I'll file it with the written comments. It will probably be more

COLONEL SPLSIN: Thank you, eir. Those ere the only cerds that I have. Does enybody else who did not fill out a cerd wish to apeak.

(No response.)

COLOWKL SPLSIM: Sither Mr. Sellie or Mr. Young eince apparently mobedy else chooses to apeak tonight, we still have more time if either of you would like to add anything.

> Mr. Sellin, would you like to go equin. MR. WAYME SELLIM: No, thenk you.

THE COURT: Mr. Young, did you get cut off by the five-minute time perind? Wnnld you like some more time, air?

MM. SERMARD TOUNG: I have some written ommente that I would go through briefly.

COLONEL HPLSIN: Sxcuse me, for one

Okay. Se said he does have some written comments he would like tn read briefly.

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MR. SERMARD YOUNG: These comments wara presented is a latter to the Massachusatts Department Of Public Seelth. So I have them prepared and I can read them and I will just read e few peregrephs.

I em unebla to racencile SEL etatemente in the 2007 teet plan -- that was the test plan for the messurements to support their study of Swing sercoma -- with etetemente SSL made in their

In the 2007 teet plan. B&L eave they ampleised is their 2004 report that peek data could be from other is bend or near hand

I ecanned the 2004 SSL report that mantinne possible interferere. There is a PDP document, se it's very easy to put in the word intarfarar and one where it was used.

Cunclusinn 10 os Pega 61 of the 2004 BEL report wee enateur radin operation in hand caused no ieterfarence to messuremente.

interfarence not significant. From Page 6 of their Appendix A. measurement sites were chosen to

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he eway from the location of potential interferers.

From Page 6 -- also from Page 6 of Appandis A, to peec e mobile trensmitter overload preamplifier for a briaf period, this avent can randily be escarteined upon essenting the racardad date. In dete, only one data record has been identified in which such is the case. And they went un to esplaie thet.

On Pega 11 nf Appendie A, edditionel photographs were made to show that the PAVE PANS wevafurm in both the frequency end time-domain to illustrata normal operation of the reder and, two, the sheence of in band interfarance.

Page 17 of Appendie A. It was datarmined that the relative emplitudes of the in hend ametaur redio signals were well halow the lavel of the PAVE PAWS eignels being measured.

Bether then amplaining how the 2004 peek dete wea putentiel interferara, the 2004 raport repectedly explains the measurements were nnt subject to the interference from other

En what they say they explain that the 2004 peske wera from outside interferere, they

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told that to the MDPH, that appears to be a contradiction.

I think thera's something we should note about the 2004 report. If you pick it up, the first thing you note is it's a report with

In my 15 years in scientitic research, you just don't write reports that are author-less.

The second is that the radiofraquency emissions part of the 2004 study was to look at the peek end the average signele coming from PAVE PAWS, peek and everage. And then as Colunal LeGendre mentioned that in his pracentation.

Sut when we do look at the report, the first thing you ente is there is no discussion of the peek velues. They weran't plottad.

When they did their test plan for going to the 50 aitea, they computed the Income, based on alactromagnetic theory of eignel propagation, projected the losess from the trememitter to the measurement site. These include s hase lnes just nn the hasis of distance, the further you get from the light hulb, the less bright it eppears to be.

There are losees due to Praenel affects, losees due to diffraction affects end

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nther inseas. And they computed end presented these losens, but they never used that date in a comperison with the messurements they made. They're just hanging nut there.

Tou know, wheeever you make e measurament and you have as shility to make a prediction or en ehility to compere it with e pradicted velue, you nught to do it. It is a very simple nma line calculation. It was presented to ne in a Dreft Environmental Impact Statement, Appendix C is 1979. It's a nee line formula. And heceuse it wasn't presented with eny mathematical right, 1 rederived it. And 1've come up with the eema recult.

So e eimple celouletinn could have bean made with all the pack deta. And it was not made. Why wese't that dane? And that raised my

And now when we look end we see that if you did do that, you see tentative 50 points acceeded the epecification. That is a causa for concern. We've been resectedly told the main hear doesn't touch the earth, but yet the measurement mada is Dennie is consistant with the main beam. It is only 3 dB less than the main beem. That's

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like helf of the power of the peek of the mein

In comperison, the first side lobe is 10 dB down which is -- first side lobe is 20 dS down, is one percent of that.

So here we've got a measurament meda in Dennis that's 46 times the specification. And well we're just not going to talk about that,

And when confrooted with the dete, your contractor, the national research contractor has some up with a contradiction a self-contradiction. I am disappointed that those who you rely on and we ralied on and Secetor Recently ralied on.

Sanator Rennady, if you don't remember, was the one who initiated this Mational Research Council

We raised on them for an honest end careful and diligent investigation. And how this -- these things could be overlooked is beyond comprehension.

I think we need to be concerned about this because the Chairman of that committee and the program administrator at NRC, yeah, NSC in Weshington, are the same two who are heading the atudy on cell phones right now. And if we don't

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heve eny mora diligent investigation of cell phones ee we did in the PAVE PAWS issue and earlier in this decede, I don't know what the value of having them is. Thank you.

COLONEL SPLEIN: Thank you for your comments, Hr. Young.

As no one elee hes indicated they wish to speak, this concludes the public heering.

If you should decide later to mehe edditional comments or would like to receive a copy of the Finel ESIS, you may do so through the eddress that's shown on the brochure or on the

written comment sheet.

Se appreciate your public -- excuse me.

An appraciate your participation in this public harring. Thenk you for coming. Good night.

 $\label{thermodynamics} \mbox{(Wheraupon the haering concluded}$ et $8:02\ p.m.)$

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I, MARY S. PHILLIPS, Segistared Professional Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing treoscript, pages 2 through 3P inclusive, wes taken by me atenographically and thereafter under my directims was reduced to typewriting and is a true record of the testimony of the proceedings to the best of my shility.

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August 4, 2008

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Re: Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the PAVE PAWS Early Warning Radar Operation, Cape Cod Air Porce Station, Manachanetta (CEQ 8 20000239)

Door Ms. Nouman

The Barvironmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the United States Department of the Air Force's (Air Force) Draft Supplemental Barvironmental Impact Statement (DSESS) the the PAVE FAVE SERVE SERTY Warning Bader Operation at the Cape Cod Air Force Station in Burnatable County, Manacheautta. We advent the full viring communication the DSESS in accordance with our empositabilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 309 of the Class Air Act.

The DSEIS for the FAVE PAWS radar was prepared by the U.S. Air Force to address the concerns of the local community shout possible health effects from the PAVE PAWS operation. The criteria EPA used in ovalunting the DSEIS are (1) the measured radio-frequency (RF) radiation exposure levels beyond the boundaries of PAVE PAWS radar site at locations accessible to the public, and (2) the exposure positelisms used by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to protect the public from adverse health effects that might result flucts exposure to the RF radiation emitted by the systems regulated by the FCC.

Based on our review of information provided in the DSEIS we conclude the following:

The time-everaged radiofrequency (RF) radiation power density measured at 50 various locations on Cape Cod, accessible to the public beyond the radar installation's perimeter funce, with the exception of one location, are at and below 5 microwath per aquare ominister. These levels are well-below the protective exposure standards used by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) found in FCC/OET Bulletin 56, August 1999.

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. The one location noted is at Shawme Crowell State Park where the mer The one location noted is at Shawme Crowell State Park where the measured time-averaged power density was measured as 3.6 inscrewater per square continueter, still below current standards. The maximum permitted power density, used by the Federal Communications Commission to protect the public from advance health effects from RF radiation in the frequency range of the FAVE PAWS rader is 280 microwaths per equare centimeter. This exposure guideline was recommended to the FCC by EPA in November 9, 1993.

In addition to radiofrequency (RF) environmental exposure measurements, EFA reviewed available accentific evidence presented in the DSEIS. These included a 2005 report from the National Academicer National Research Council that concluded that "there is no evidence of adverse health effects to Cape Cod residents from long-term exposure to radiofrequency energy from a nearby U.S. Air Force radar installation."

Since the possible exposures, at locations on Cape Cod that are accessable to the public, comply with the standards that are used by the PCC to regulate relecommunications 5.1 systems, the DSER's conclusions regarding the bealth affects of the operation of the PAVE PAWS radia: are reasonable.

Based on our review of the DSEIS we have rated the DEIS "LO-1—Lack of Objections Adequate" in accordance with EPA's national rating system, a description of which is attached to this lotter. Please contact Timothy Timmermann (617-918-1025) of EPA's Office of Environmental Review with any comments or questions about this letter.

Blizabeth A Higgins, Director Office of Enviro

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Summary of Rating Beliabless and Follow-up Action

Environmental Impact of the Action

LO—Lank of Objections
The IPA review has not identified any posserial environmental impacts requiring subramitive changes to the proposal. The review may have disclosed appartments for application of satisfaction measures that could be accomplished with no more than minor changes to the proposal.

RC-Environmental Consums
The EFA review has identified curiousnesses impacts that should be evolded in order to fully protect if
orderstance. Consecvers measurements may require changes to the preferred alternative or application of
miligation measures that can reduce the environmental impact. EFA would like to work with the load
agency to reduce these impacts.

EO—Environmental Objections
The IPA review has identified significant environmental impacts that must be avoided to order to pro
adequate protection for the environment. Corrective measures may require substantial changes to the
preferred alternative or consideration of some other project alternative (including the so action alternaor a new alternative). EPA attention to work with the lead agency to reduce these impacts.

EU—Reviewmentally Ussetisfactory
The EPA review has identified adverse environmental impacts that are of sufficient magnitude that they are mustifactory from the standpoint of public health or welfare or environmental quality. EPA intends to work with the lead agency to reduce these impacts. If the potentially usuatifactory impacts are not corrected at the final EIS stage, this proposal will be recommended for referral to the CEQ.

Adequacy of the Impact Statement

Category 1—Adequate
EPA believes the draft EIS adequately sets forth the environmental impact(s) of the preferred alternat
and those of the alternatives reasonably available to the project or action. No further analysis or data
coffection in necessary, but the reviewer may suggest the addition of clarifying language or information.

Category 2—Insufficient Information
The dreft IIIs does not contain sufficient information for IPA to fully assess environmental impacts that should be avoided in order to fully pretent the environment, or the IPA reviewer has identified new reasonably available alternatives that are within the spectrum of alternatives analysed in the draft IIIs, which could reduce the environmental impacts of the action. The identified additional information, data analyses, or discussion should be included in the final IEIS.

Category 3-bandequate
EPA does not believe that the draft EIS adequately assesses potentially significant environmental impacts
of the action, or the EPA reviewer has identified new, reasonably available alternatives that are enable of
the spectrum of alternatives analyzed in the draft EIS, which should be analyzed to order to reduce the
potentially significant environmental impacts. EPA believes that the identified additional information, does
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EPA does not believe that the draft EIS is adequate the the purposes of the NEPA notive tections 30P
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Comments SEIS, PAVE PAWS Early Warning Radar Operat Cape Cod Air Station, MA

The Department of the Interior (Department) has reviewed, and has the following commet the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for PAVE PAWS Early Warning Radar Operation at Cape Cod Air Force Station, Massachusetts.

The scope of the environmental review in the SEIS was primarily human health effects from operation of the PAVE PAWS radar. The bioeffects of exposure to radiofrequency energy (RF) were examined by the National Research Council (NRC) and the results summarized on pack 6. The bioeffects of radiofrequency energy on manusals and birds were reviewed in Appendix F.

The NRC recommended (page 4-6) studies of tree growth in the vicinity of the PAVE PAWS facility, and the influence of low level RF exposures on brain deparatine levels. The Air Force Indicates support (page 4-9) for these studies, but states that these research studies will be 6.1 pursued independent of this SEIS.

The Department believes that a nexus exists between these additional evenents studies recommended by the NRC and the SEIS, and requests that the Air Force recommend in pruposal to separate these studies from this SEIS. The purpose of the tree growth study is to investigate possible mechanisms for a biological response to radiofrequency energy exposure that we currently do not recognize and therefore cannot properly evaluate. The central nervous systems and certification (deparation) study is filterwise intended to revolve outstanding questions about the effects of radiofrequency energy on central nervous system function in wildlife and man.

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Questions regarding these comments may be directed to Mr. Vern Lang of the Fish and Wildlife Service at 603-223-2541.

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Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this SEIS. Please contact me at (617) 223-8565 if I can be of assistance.

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x: Comments on Druft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)
Continued Operation of the PAVE PAWS Radar Facility
Cape Cod Air Force Station, MA

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) (May 2004) for the continued operation of the PAVE PAWS Radar Facility at the Cape Cod Air Force Station in Manuschasetts.

seachmenta Department of Public Health's Bureau of Environmental Health has four major ats on the Draft SEIS:

1. MDPH strongly suggests that any technical comments received on the Draft SEIS related to the methods employed or interpretation of studies conducted within the scope of the SEIS on electromagnetic emissions under potential public health impacts from the PAVE PAWS Entitly be directed to the National Research Council if (NRC) Committee to Assess Potential Health Efficies From Exposures to PAVE PAWS Low-Level Phased-Array Radiofrequency Energy for its virium response to PAVE PAWS Low-Level Phased-Array Radiofrequency Energy for its virium response to PAVE PAWS Low-Level Phased-Array Radiofrequency Energy for its virium response to the Committee served a key role as the de-facto scientific pour review group of the various studies conducted, as well as conducting their own independent analyses. It is appropriate and assential that the Air Foure each out to the NRC and ask that they continue to serve as no independent scientific review body for comments received on the Draft SEIS is morder to maintain the credibility of the work performed.

2. MDPH strongly encourages the Air Fource to follow through and implement the recommendations unde by the NRC in its 2005 report An Assessment of Fourtaid Health Efficit from Exposure to FAVE FAWS Low-level Phased-Array Radiofrequency Energy. The NRC committee recommended that the Air Force commission two growth studies in the 6.2

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vicinity of the PAVE PAWS facility as well as a central survous system endocrine function study on the effect of love-level radiofinspancy exposures on brain deparating lovels.

3. Annogat in conclusion, the NRC indicated in its report entitled "An Assessment of Potential Health Effects from Exposure to PAVE PAWS to "Level Planes", virsay Radiofrequency Energy" that the measurement data and models of the PAVE PAWS facility available at the time of its review in 2005 provided a good first-order characterization of the spatial distribution of emposures occurring throughout the consumsitions of Cape Cod. While the NRC concluded that there are no adverse health effects to the Cape Cod population from continuing or long-term exposure to the PAVE PAWS radiation, it also accusted that there were limitations and suncertainties in estimating exposure at the individual level where exposure as the PAVE PAWS radiation, it also accusted that there were limitations and suncertainties in estimating exposure at the individual level where exposure as a specific locations are entire and exams those large large distributions are acknowledged an a data gap in the optiomiologic studies conducted for the SEIS.

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We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments. If you have any questions regarding them, please feel free to contact us at 617 624-5757.

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Attn: Lynne Neuman Re: HQ AFSPC/A4/7PP / PAVE PAWS SEIS

Dear Ms Neuman

The Missneshusetts Chapter of the Sierra Club has been involved for many years in the issue of the possible health impacts on Cape Cod from the PAVE PAWS phased array rather system that is being operated at the Missneshusetts Military Roservation (MAIR). We find that the PAVE PAWS Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement continues the failed epidemiological studies decision making process from the past. Given the small opposition size of the Cape residents with various cancers that are possibly related to the phase energy radie signat; the high background rate of many cancers in Massneshusetts compared to national averages and the decision to require statistically significant results before public health management action is taken, conducting epidemiological studies to sever filedy to show an effect sent to provide the second of Paville Compared to the Paville Pa

Many concerned residents stated that simply focusing the opidentological studies on the intensity of the phased entry signal and its potential health impacts was a "not hereing" in light of Dr. Albamer's concerns. We feel that the opidentological approach is too order a note in desired a potential impact of an optimization of indexes a potential impact of an optimization of the optimization of the property of the property of the state of the optimization of Cape Cod or Sterm Club to show that the radier generates harm. Dr. David Dow, Thesamer of the Cape Cod & the Islands Group, represented the Sterm Club at mony of the PPPTHSG insettings and winnessed immerces usees where the local elitisens were not treated with respect and fairly concerns were distanted out of head. As a recell public liquid distinction over time, with only two comments being received at the recent public hearing. We attribute this to the external feel that only two comments being received at the recent public hearing. We attribute this to the external public distinction of the property of the proper

The Sterm Club supports the "presentionary principle" in cases where accounted uncertainty exists re-parting the impacts human cannel environmental intensors on public health. Dr. Richerd Albumen, as All Force researcher, mixed concerns about the unique effects of placed array rade on the cells that be studied. Since the Sierre Club is an environmental advocacy organization, we will leave it up to the sci-custific post review process to evenbase the credibility of Dr. Albussar's reasons. We find that more re-resents it required on this issue in the laboratory where one can control conditions and identify planed.

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crow rather responses biomarkers in the exponent populations of colla/arganisms. The National Research Council/National Academy of Sciences evaluation of the PPPHSG products made some similar research recommendations which to our knowledge have not been pursued by the Air Force Space Command. If these new indicatomy sindices store a dose (maler frequency and intensity/venceuns (forestern) relationship, then a human health risk assessment can be pursued to orehand the potential response of the adverse health contensors or Cape Ced to the PNVP PNVS radie riginal using the Proceders Signal Laboratory's field measurementarizedelling estimates of non-ionizing radar exposure. From our perspective that would be tabilishing mainted of the hot in addrausing oldism concerns. A risk assessment provides a strange of potential risks based on the enventph's fromtant convictions and control and the strange of potential risks based on the enventph's fromtant covering maler stranger rolationship, then it would not be assessary to conduct the risk assessment. It is entertually to distort a statistically significant offsets and it is not designed to to evaluate consecution to the propulation stans invested in risk assessment.

Amh t Philip Bowds Dair, Mass Chapter Executive Committee

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Collution for the Operation of PAVE PAWS Safety Lt. Ronald Cronin, President

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August 4, 2006

Deer Ms. Neuman.

I am enclosing my comments concerning the Draft Supplemental Environments Statement (DEIS) on the Precision Acquisition Vehicle Entry Phased Array Wa System (PAVEPAWS) in operation at Sandwich, Cape Cod Air Force Station, I

- This report does not properly document or even acknowledge publicly funded studies and civilian aponsoned studies undertaken after grass root offorts to conduct a parallel study.
 The PFFM in conjunction with Boston University and Suffolk University anglineering and my fellow graduate students devised a parallel study to rus side by side with the
- The Druft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) report does not accurately reflect community concerns and falls far short of expectations. It is a one sided report which falls to acknowledge involvement by citizens, professional organization and universities who attempted to assist and take part in the measurement effort. This DEIS document should not be used by federal or state inventors nor advanced as a complete study by the USAF or Department of Defense (DOD) as it contains numerous errors, ornissions, and locks impartiality.

The study and specifically the PAVEPAWS Public Health Steering Group (PPPHSG) failed to address or acknowledge the significant and elevated Cape Cod childhood cancer take (Ewings) that so many papears were concerned about. Out of flustration by the poor treatment by PPPSG members, some of the concerned parents formed the Collation for the Operation of PAVEPAWS Safely and conducted measurements on our own. These were presented to the Kirkland team and National Academy of Science committee after

Both the USAF and the PPPHSG allienated, discounted, discriminated against and interfaced with citizens and students from the Coalition for the Operation of PAVEPAWS Safely (COPPS), the Professional Firefighters of Messachusetts (PFFM), Boston University and Suffoik University engineering students who all attempted to assist the USAF by volunteering to participate in the measurement effort of the PAVEPAWS radiar on Cape Cod.

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During the process it became very obvious that PAVEPAWS contenuaters put the mission ahead of residential health concerns and rought control over any and all studies of the salar. Our bewilderment at the behavior and study practices of the USAF and PPPHSG transpared to finantialism by those of as with childrent withing on the Cape and to apathy by the students and professors. It is documented that Air Force officials (L. Col. Bruce Ruscio) advised me that the constorted Boston University and was assured that nepidemiological studies would be organized or conducted between the ongineering school and the medical actional (conducted a 1999 subset) for the Massachumotts Department of Public Health (MDPH)) as was being suggested.

It is also well documented by formal complaint that USAF personnel harnased the onglineering students and Dr. Albamese (see Croidn Deposition taken by USAF attorneys). The group of young engineers were not treated as younger peers, but instead was contracted by Air Force staff and made technicians.

The NAS suggestion to fund (under \$100,000) the taking of field measurements on a continuous basis from every firefusion on Cape Cod in conjunction with the PFFM and Boston University and Suffolk University originoring students was denied by the USAF.

Upon my return from New York (WTC) on September 15, 2001 a sudden spike (tripling) in measurements were recorded at my horne. These elevated measurements continued through the and of the mosts of September when the spectrum analyzer was returned.

The efforts of COPPS, the Professional Firefighters of Massachmetts (PFFM) and originousing students can be viewed on the web at supecodeancer.com, formally

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RE: COMMENTS ON BRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVISORMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PAYE PAWS EARLY WARRING RABAR OPERATION CAPE COD AIR FORCE STATION, MASSACHULETTS

- The Drieft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) fails for short of community and medical exposurations to protect the general public from exposure to placed environmental. This DEIS is an example of undersupering potentific fluorotings and misleading, the public by demonstrate appears as fact. This DEIS does not properly document, and is come instances does not document at all, publicly induced studies and flending probleting into DEIS as installicated document to be used by invendonts and Air Force (AF) and Department of Defining (DOI) decision makers.
- We request the PAVE PAWS system be that down. This will enable corompactive health extreme studies to be included and health assessment of the dismage to Cape Codders to be used in making decisions about the future operation of this machine.
- The DEIS severely minimized public community concern regarding potential health offices of exposure to PAVE PAWS placed array radiation and in most instances this not address publicly hiddresorded.
 6.6 Interings of hundreds of Cape Coddess' concerns regarding health and safety instan. As a Solutions from Sandwich (Calcad Julago and a community blacker (Sharco Julago), we are award that bundreds of instances of public protests were not addressed in this DEIS.

This DEES appears to be an attempt to re-write the history. The struggle of thousands of Cape Co-citizens who had been sying to protect their families health has been reduced in this document to a neutranou about contenued public commen.

There was a large public outnry in the last 1970's when the public first own PAVE PAWS construction begin. There was much press attention given to public contents at their time that was not documented in this DEIS. Several claims prough claylist the construction and operation of PAVEP AVS and fingulat for inhorstory and large-term enabylised epidemiological studies of the exposed population as well as continuous manufacing of PAVEP AVS stafficions emissions.

norm did not disappear. It was not reported in the press significantly again however until the s. Residents including ourselves and many public groups pointed not the dearth of health or PAVE PAWS ingus operating in 1976 and called for the facility to be moved audior shot

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down and for proper laboratory and analytical epidemiological studies in to carried cet. The As-for the Preservation of Cape Cod called for the decommissioning of the PAVE PAWS facility.

ov is a timeline that is published on the C.O.P.P.S. (Coulision for the Operation of PAVI by) website at www.copscodcommon.org documenting buy ovents in the PAVE PAWS his of PAVE PAWS

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Hill on the Manuschusetts Military Reservation (MMR) was not the Air Furer's first choice.

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redistion.

March, 1975 – Residents filed a lowest charging the Air Force had violated the National
Environmental Polity, Act (NEPA) of 1969 by fulling to subsoit an Environmental Impact Statemer
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oddressed in further evaluations of the potential exposure effects of PAVE PAWS and
other high power-support reduce systems."

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so were to compare this timeline against the information provided by the AF in the DEIS, they will are to be two completely different documents. If this was a DEIS meant to document necessary ical/community events it has failed in total.

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- The DEIS did not address the alternative action of moving the Cape Cod PAVE PAWS to a sur-location where those is not a human population living in front of it. This was an alternative the brought up repeatedly at accepting meetings, draft EA and SLEP EA bearings and in lotters, cir.
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The AF's approach in changing the original EIS process (General Perfords Inter, etc.); changing the entire EIS process from the baginning has been completely confusing to the public and public landers. Spilling the process up into EA's for the IEEP appeals, Military approach and the appearing IMDO (MMD) approach has been unacceptable and has been a play to circumvent the intent of the NEPA (and

IS cannot be accepted as any type of decision making tool or lagal document. It also cannot be means to document my historically events in the story of the Cape Cod public vs. PAVE PAWS may microwave intuitiation.



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PAVE PAWS RADAR CHARACTERISTICS COMPARED TO RADIO FREQUENCY MEDICAL DIATHERMY UNITS

 $\underline{A\ partial}\ definition\ of\ Medical\ R.F.\ Disthermy: \ Treatment\ using\ heat\ produced\ by\ high-frequency\ current,\ to\ treat\ muscle\ complaints,\ etc.$ Raytheon diathermy units, used for decades by medical practices, operate in the same 2 to 3 GHz frequency band, used by Airborne Early Warning (AEW) Radar. - (Raytheon diathermy units use a smaller low power version of the AEW magnetron 'tube'). A P2V patrol bomber AEW radar, transmits @ one Mw (peak power), various pulse rates and pulse widths; frequency = ~ 2.4 GHz.

I'm a former U.S.N. Chief Aviation Electronics Technician. Radar was my primary maintenance responsibility. USAF AEW planes have operated in Cape COD skies for decades! As far as I know, without health related complaints. Is it fashionable or politically valuable, <u>for some</u> protestors, to attend public forums to make some type of impression? I empathize with anyone having genuine fears of "the unknown, or partially known" <u>all the more</u> reason, for listening and thinking more -- arguing & talking less!

How did PAVE PAWS RADAR become such a Boogey-man? Was it a tragic spin-off from the horrendously expensive & totally unnecessary EMF power line controversies? Where did all the protesting experts come from? How did they acquire their alleged expert Radar knowledge? Did some of it drop from the skies, to help them to fan the flames of public fear? Or, is there some possible business lust, to acquire low cost government surplus land, -- if, and when PAVE PAWS is de-commissioned?

> Norm La Fleur Sr. Korean War Vet. rev. 08/04/08

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Dear Ms. Neuman:

Please order these consumerts into the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement MAY 2008 for PAVE PAWS Early Warning Radar Operation Cape Cod Air Force Station, MA.

A reading of the DSEIS reveals several cases of errors, omissions, and deceptions. It is not responsive to valid concerns regarding potential health effects from the intense reder pulses. The spidemiological study missed the statistically significant and elevated Cape Cod Eving's acrossome cluster which peaked in the years following the state of 9-11-01. The possibility that PAVE PAWS played s sole in this tragedy should not be overlocked.

It is disturbing that the Upper Cape selectmen received a copy of this DSEIS, but the selectmen and the board of health from the Town of Donnia, where the highest PAVE PAWS exposure was measured, were not on the distribution list.

electronic formetted document contains color in the figures which should loose no ent if reproduced in black and white.

Major issues to be raised are listed here for the reader's convenience.

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A description of the polarization of the radar waves has been omitted. This radar is circularly polarized. The public does not experience circularly polarized radiation from any other transmitter of comparable power and gain.

Since a rotating electrical field will enert a rotating force on any particle with a charge, or a moment on any particle with a polar moment, this radar may produce unique effects on DNA resulting in possible adverse health effects. Of particular concern is the ability of the electrical field to move DNA strands within the cell during replication, and thus promote a translocation error leading to carcinogenesis. Such an effect would occur at a discrete point in time and would not require a latency period.

Peak Power Errospopsly Stated

e 3-1 misstates the peak power level of the radar at 340 watts. It has been more unitely reported elsewhere as 582,200 and 543,000 watts.

Sidelphe Illustrations December

Figure 3.1-8 is deceptive. It only shows the first and second sidelobes above the main beam. Omitting the sidelobes below the main beam conveys the idea that people on the ground are not exposed to the radar, which is false.

and conveys the message that people on the ground are not exposed to the stronger first sidelobe, which is false.

Specifications Have Changed

4. A number of the specifications and operational characteristics of 4.4 changed, or different values have been reported at different times. teristics of PAVE PAWS have

Two values have been provided for the peak power of a pulse. It has been reported as 582.4 KW (AF 1979) and as 543 KW (MITRE 2000).

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Two values have been reported for (38.4 dB-6918 (MITRE 2000, p24). nd for the gain. It has been reported as 6200 (AF 1979) and

Two values have been provided for the vertical angle (also called depression angle, below the horizon) to the peak of the first sidelobe. It has been reported as 3.4 degrees off axis; with minimum axis elevation of 3.6 degrees above the horizon (AF 1979, pg A-1) the peak of the first sidelobe is 0.4 degrees below the horizon. This vertical angle has also been reported as 0.6 degrees below the horizon (MITRE 2000, pg 6).

We are unsure how much of the power is concentrated in the main be reported as 60% (AF 1979, pg A-2) and as 90% (MITRE 2000 pg 6).

MITTRE (2000) report includes two references I have not obtained, but which are of

MITRE (2000b) The Synthesis of an Antonin Pattern Meeting Pave Paws Constraints," MITRE Corp., Memo. D710-002927, 05 April 2000.

AFMC 1996, "Computer Program Product Specifications for Tactical Application Software CPC1 2 Type B-5, Specification," No.G264302-2 Code Ident: 66401, HQ AFMC SSSG/SDWSE, 21 February, 1996.

The first reference prompts the question: Why would MITRE be concorned about the constraints of the PAVE PAWS station or the antenna pattern more than 20 years after the station bocame operational unless changes in the operational characteristics, specifically the antenna pattern, were being considered? The measurements made by BSL (BSL 2004b) are not consistent with the originally specified antenna pattern, but are consistent with an antenna whose minimum angle in 0.73 degrees above the horizon, instead of the 3.0 degrees specified, an apparent shift of 2.25 degrees (see below). The an enteroments is consistent with an artenna pattern different than that published in ..., ..., ironmental impact statement (AF 1979, Appendix A).

e sooned reference concerns specifications for a computer program for controlling the pars into the operation of the station, is a specification being written the operational characteristics of the station are going to be made? The ference raises the question: "What is different about the new transation and when was the specification implemented, and how does that change the nan exposure?" A change in the human exposure should not occur without a full inonmental review.

Outside interference from ameteur radio seems to have become an issue recently. After years of occasionee in this frequency band, the Department of Defense has forced amentuur radio repentees to reduce their power from 50 watts to 5 watts. This supports concerns that the human exposure from PAVE PAWS operation is different than

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Taken together, there is reason to doubt that the information made public in 1979 is still true, and so account has been made as to when, how, or why these changes were made, or how they affect the human exposure.

Exposure Enhancements Omitted

tenuation of radio frequency energy is discussed in Appendix E, but a discussion of rements has been omitted.

One of the characteristics of electromagnetic radiation is the trapping of energy in buildings. The phenomenon is discussed in NRC 1979a, p47: "Enclosed structures, such as rooms, may act as lossy resonators with electromagnetic fields being coupled from windows. If such structures have highly reflecting walts, field orhencements by one or two orders of magnitude may indoed be possible." One or two orders of magnitude confer a ten to one-hundred fold enhancements. The NRC advises: "Further research into the reflection characteristics of these structures is needed in order to describe precisely the nature of field enhancements." This phenomenon may be particularly problematic for the school buildings in line-of-sight of PAYE PAWS, which have second or third floors, and metal structural components.

On highly conducting ground, deposition rates for the legs may again be 5-10 times the whole body average (NRC 1979a, p47). A metallic sheet is the ideal "highly conducting ground," but nell water moistaned send (bench setting) is a good conductor too. Orientation would be an important factor, and since water tonds to favor horizontal polarization, a person lying down (on the beach, a rescue board, or a surfloard) may experience the most absorption.

There is even the potential for enhancement for two or more persons standing close to

Energy Deposition Rates Omitted

5.3 The DSEIS makes no mention of enhanced energy deposition rates in the human body.

Air Force sponsorul report, "Analysis of the Exposure Levels and Potential Biologic cts of the PAVE PAWS Radar System," prepared by the National Research Council C 1979a) Identified several potential biologic effocts mentioned in that report are of ern in the context of Ewing's sercoma.

An electrical field (dimension volts per mater) will produce a force on an object possessing an electrical charge. The electrical field of the PAVE PAWS radiation rotates; the term given this characteristic is "elevadar polarization. It is appropriate to conclude that any orientation of the human body or limbs will be so aligned at some time so that the maximum effect of the electrical field will be experienced.

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"The highest rate of energy deposition occurs in fields that are polarized parallel to the longest dimension of the body"...and "the longest dimension is approximately 0.3-6-0.40 times the free space wavelength of radiation." (NRC 1979a, p45). With PAVE PAWS wavelengths in the range 2.3.6 to 27.6 inches, this condition is unit for dimensions 8.50 to 11.0 inches, the approximate length of bones in arms, logs, and pelvis of children, sites comments (Federal by Ewing's seasons. In five space, the neck, logs, and town shooth considerably higher energy, perhaps 5-10 times the whole body average (NRC 1979a,

Those arguing that PAVE PAWS radiation is safe generally concentrate on exposures averaged over time, and ignore the fact that peak radiation is 4000-6000 times the temporal average. With respect to Ewing's sarcoma, it is only necessary to create one chromosome translocation error which goes unrepaired to establish carcinogenesis. Furthermore, much of the research in biomedical effects cited to demonstrate radiation these wavelengths is safe has been conducted with mice and rabbits, neither of which have bone lengths tuned to the higher rates of energy deposition discussed above.

Radiation at the PAVE PAWS wavelengths is capable of ponetrating 4.5 centimeters through muscle tissue before being reduced to 37% of the value at the skin (Osepchuk 2001, Table 1). This is adequate to penetrate the muscle surrounding the bones, and may reach deep into the limbs where Ewing's is thought to originate. While written to tout the safety provided by existing standards, particularly with respect to cell phones, the paper reveals values for radiation at PAVE PAWS frequencies that are a cause for concern with

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The attacks of September 11, 2001, would be expected to have an effect on the operation of PAVE PAWS. It was from this Air Force Biase thus flighter planes were dispatched to New York City. Not knowing what was happening, or where the next strack was confiture, it is reasonable to expect the index operational envelope would be pushed to the maximum. A description of an "unlamose osench" mode which may have been implemented on 9-11 and the following days is given in NAS 1979b p24: "The most meanty regular and systematic operating mode of the radar is called enhanced search. In this mode, the main beam winter successively 120 different positions at 3 degrees above the locitons, seeking targets at maximum range. This scan is not interrupted for other functions and repeats approximately every 2.5 seconds. This is then a mode in which the greatest exposure is likely to occur at nearby points on the ground and is the most nearly repetitive pattern of pulses."

Normally, the surveillance pattern repeats every 41 seconds, so the enhanced search mode repeating every 2.5 seconds produces a human exposure over 16 times the normal.

7 The enhanced search mode of operation was not mentioned in the review of PAV 5.4 PAWS potential health effects (NRC 2005, MITRE 2000) or the present DSEIS.

Requests for Monitoring Ignored

In AF 1979 requests for continuous environmental monitoring were made by two secretaries of the Office of Environmental Affairs, the Cape Cod Planning and Economic Development Commission, the Cape Cod Environmental Coalition, the Conservation Law Foundation, a representative in the General Coart, and other concorned citizens.

There remains a seed for continuous long term monitoring of the radiation from PAVE PAWS. In time such data could identify variability in the signal characteristics, effects of atmospheric inversions, atmospheric refraction, reflections from elements of the infrastructure such as water towers, power lines, the power plant smokestack, etc. In time, it should be possible to statistically predict the probability of exceeding a certain signal strength threshold. 5.3

Many potential environmental hazards are subject to monitoring, spanning installations as mundane as residential septic systems to complex nuclear power plants. The PAVE PAWS reader station has been given a "free pass" with respect to environmental monitoring, and the public with have no reason to believe PAVE PAWS is being operated according to the assurances we have been given until continuous monitoring is instituted.

Peak Intensity of Pulses Ignored

This DSEIS continues to Ignore concerns among scientists and the public over potential health effects from intense pulsed in electromagnetic radiation such as the PAVE PAWS rader. The Radio Frequency Interagency Work Group in commenting on the IEEE 1999 standard addineases these concerns with the following remarks. "Time-averaging areas: the unique characteristics of an intensity-modulated RF radiation that may be responsible for producing an effect." "Time averaging for other features of RF exposure is not inconsulty-desirable, however, and should be receivaluated specifically as it deals with modulation of the signal, contact and induced current limits, and prolonged, or chronic exposure." (RFIAWG 1999). Remember that for children living at home, chronic exposure means 24 hours par day, 168 hours per week, not the 8 hours per day, 40 hours per week common in the work place. 6.6

The pulses were also of concern to the panel of experts convened to advise the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. "The pulsed nature of the PAVE PAWS signal generates high intensity of extremely short duration. However, during the pulse, RFR intensities are relatively high. Therefore, peak levels are of intenset, and the available information on peak levels should be examined." "To avoid undersetimating the contraction of the pulse. exposure, exposure assessments, whether by calculation or mea on the level when the beam is present." (MDPH 1999).

In support of the Air Force EIS process, Broadcast Signal Lab received a contract to measure peak and average radio frequency emissions from the PAVE PAWS rader. But

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when the report was written and reviewed, the peak data were not plotted and were not compared with the specifications of the index. BSL offers what may be construed as a retionale for not analyzing the peak emissions. In discussing the average exposure mod (BSL 200th, p56) they state: "No separate model of the peak emissions was performed because the peaks are not a function of the antenna pattern or propagation. Rather they appear to be distributed in a general way that it best described statistically as discussed section 2.3.5, [sic 3.4.57],"

This writer respectfully disagrees. The peak signal emissions represent a real exposure, are a valid concern to the southeastern Manachunetts community and the scientific community (RFIA WG 1999, MDPH 1999), and represent a potential easier for biologic effects not yet inderstood or identified. The peak measurements require an analysis so that we may understood or identified. The peak measurements require an analysis by this writer (see below) suggests the peak measurements may not appear to be a function of antonin pattern and propagation laws because the beam has been shifted below its upoclified linits and the highest half of the peak and average measurements themselves were subject to an instrumentation error and are fatally flawed. (Young.

It is hard to comprehend how the PAVE PAWS Public Health Steering Group, its technical advisors, the National Research Council, and the Air Force could have allowed this peak data to be ignored.

Scarge Tower Consistent with Main Steam

- No attempt was ever made to compare the peak measurements made by Broadcast Signal Lab in 2004with the signal strength which can be predicted from the published specifications for the radar (AF 1979) and the basic theory of electromagnetic wave propagation. Concorned shout high peak signal strength measured in Deunis, at the propagation. Concerned aroun high peak signal strength insusance in Honins, at the Searge lower, fills writer undertook a comparison of the Searge measurement with the theoretical prediction. The result (Young, 2006) revealed that the measurement was 46% of the peak of the main radar beam, and 46 times too large to be from the weaker first sidebobe which is the only part of the signal which reportedly can contact the ground (Figure 1). The Searge measurement is consistent with a signal near the center of the

A further analysis of all 50 sites shows measurements at ten sites lie outside the published antenna pattern, but within the pattern which has been artificially shifted downward 2.25 degrees (7 Joung, 2007). The measurements have the characteristics of an instrumentation error which would result in the measurements being less than the true values.

11 In BSL 2004b little discussion of the peak power flux density values was made. The
6.9 peak results were tabulated, and used in a compartison of peak to average signal strength,
but were never plotted separately or compared with theoretical prediction expected to be

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11 quite good (AF 1979, Appendix A). In BSL 2004s path losses from the transmitter to the 50 text sites were computed, but never applied in such a comparison.

A semi-log plot of peak signal strength vs. distance from the antenna was prepared by this writer and is shown here in Figure 2. The data exhibit several characteristics of inarcest. Below 0. In M/cm² (nsicrowarts per square centimeter), the data is scattered. Above this scattered data is value of approximately 0.15 m/k/cm² was measured at 13 sites. There is a solitary measurement of 0.95 m/k/cm² measured at the tribute of the provincetory in measurement parking lot. Above this a value of approximately 1.5 m/k/cm² is measured at 9 sites. The level of this group of 9 is approximately the times the level of the group of 13.5 m/k/cm², in a group of 5 m/cm² is a group of 5 m/cm² in the site of the group of 13.5 m/k/cm², and 100 times the level of the group of 9 at 1.5 m/k/cm², and 100 times the level of the group of 13 at 0.15 m/k/cm². There m/cm² 2.9 sites whose peak power measurements are measurement and under. This most of the group of 9 at 1.5 m/k/cm² is most of the group of 9 at 1.5 m/k/cm² is most of the group of 13 at 0.15 m/k/cm². There m/cm² 2.9 sites whose peak power measurements are mare these three values. This result can be seen without originacting analysis by visually scanning the peak values in BSL 2004b Table 2. The average values exhibit similar characteristics, albeit with more scatter as weak signals from adjacent taker beams contribute to the temporal average at a site but do not change the peak.

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There is a recognized instrumentation error which explains this data; amplifier as The output of every amplifier has an upper limit beyond which its output is not reliable. If the input signal tries to drive the output above this level, the amplifier becomes assuranted, meaning its output is limited by its design characteristics independent of the input; the output is constant, or nearly so. This is more likely to occur if, during the measurement, signals were encountered that were higher than articipated. The resulting signal is said to be "clipped" as if the creat of a wave were join "clipped of?" to a level value. The peak signal measurements have characteristics that are indicative of saturated amplifiers and clipping.

This clipping is not restricted to the peak signal measurements. Since the peak and average signals pass through the same signal conditioning instruments, any clipping which occurred in the peak measurement would be reflected in the average measure in a case of clipping, the true value is higher than the value produced by the

Ahead of the peak and average power meter an aftenuator and two microwave preamplifiers in series were used to condition the signals. Analysis of the data files Ahead of the peak are a very property of the data rises presently life in a peries were used to condition the signals. Analysis of the data rises reveals that when the strungest radar signals were encountered, attenuation was introduced lowering the set gain to 20 dB. When the gain was 20 dB, the power meter returned values at 5 sites clustered about 5 dBm (dB referenced to 1 microwatt). When weaker signals were encountered less attenuation was inserted resulting in a gain of 30 dB. At 9 of 10 sites where the gain was 30 dB, the power meter returned values cluster about -5 dBm. For the weakest signals, no attenuation was employed producing a net gain of 40 dB. The 13 highest values were clustered about -15 dBm. The result is illustrated in Figure 3 where the power measured by the power meter is plotted flows smallest to largest. The levels which could not be exceeded because the last amplifier

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was saturated produce a staircase effect. The lower values at the left form a name and are not subject to assuration and are not elipsed. When the observed power measurements (~ 15, ~5, 5 dBm) are converted (applying the effective antenna area, antenna gain, and linc losses, and converting from decibel to linear values) the resulting power flux density values are clustered at 0.15, 1.5, and 15 microwatts per square continuetor.

At each of the 50 test sites six measurements were usually made, 292 total. Convertite reported values back to the estput of the final presemplifier shead of the power meshors 143 of the 292 measurements were clustered at 25 dbm, the maximum output the presemplifier at 1 dB compression, the "lanes" where the elepping effects becomes significant. This result is soon in Figure 4 where values of presemptifier power estimanemed by the power meets in again potential from smallest to largest. This is institle Figure 3 but the complication of gain has been eliminated, and all date, not just the largest pade measurement at a toke are presented. The 143 elipped measurements are concentrated along the level of the maximum specified output of the presemplifier. its are soon

12 BSL was aware that this writer had found the peak power flux density reported in BSL 2004 to have exceeded the specifications of the radar at 10 of the 50 sites. They were aware of concern about Scargo Town where the excess was 17 dB (a factor of 46). They were also aware of concerns about clipping.

In the 2007 draft test protocol (BSL 2007a) for measurements in support of the MDH1 investigation of Ewing's sercome on Cape Cod, BSL attempted to robut this writer's fladings:

"We explained in our original PPHSG report that these peak levels were not necessarily strictly the power levels of the highest radar polses, but could be instantaneous peaks of energy either from radar pulses and/or other in-band, or near-hand emissions. The durations and nonces of these measured instantaneous peak values are not known," (BSL 2007a, Pg 1)

"In the initial 2004 study for PPHSG, Broadcast Signal Lab or calibrated apparatus to collect average and instantaneous peak measurements at each site." (BSL 2007a Pg 2)

No figures, calculations, or photographs of instrumentation displays were offered to support this position.

I am unable to reconcile these statements with statements BSL made in their 2004 report. A sean of BSL 2004s and 2004b did not find the term "instantaneous peak" anywhere in either report.

Are these instantaneous peaks of energy from other in-band or near-band emissions? A near of BSL 2004b for mention of possible interferers reveals the following comments:

1) "Anusteur Radio Operation in Band Caused no Interference to Measurements." Conclusion 10 on page 61.
2) "Out of Bund Interference Not Significant." Conclusion 11 an page 61.
3) "measurement also were choose to be away from the location of potential interference." Page 6 of Appendix A.
4) "should a pensaing mebile transmitter overload the presumptifier for a brief period, this event can readily be assertational upon examining the recorded data..., To date, only one data record has been identified in which such is the case." Page 6 of Appendix A.
5) "Additional photographs were made showing the PAVE PAWS waveforms in both the floquency and time domain to illustrate 1) normal operation of the rades, 2) the absence of in-band interference...." Page 11 of Appendix A.

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Radio signals were well below the levels of the PAVE PAWS signals

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measured." Page 17 of Appendix A.
ISL 2004b has every reason to believe that the peak power flux
urements were, in fact, measurements of the PAVE PAWS radar.

A question about potential interference was raised during discussion of the test plan (BSL 2004a), to which BLS responded:

"Yes, BSL is particularly concerned that the measurements not be corrupted by inband or out-of-band owinsions. To this ond, we have boso conducting pre-test fleid evaluations of our measurement apparatus in order to determine the specifications needed for our bandpass filtering. On 16 and 17 Docomber 2003 rigit measurements were performed at 14 locations on the upper and lower Cape. We have identified not only the filtering requirements, but also the expectations for dynamic range of our system. The test system components will be awapt for loss, linearity, and band-pant/rejent characteristics. A secretifyinous feature of a radar transmission is that it is "turned off" for more time than it is on. That is, thore are amptic opportunities to measure any extant interference to our radar measurements between pulses of the radar. Our power measurement instrumentation is sufficiently fast that non-pulsed energy in the measurements can be discriminated from the radar pulses. In addition to careful real-time monitoring of the spectrum with a spectrum maly are measurements can be discriminated from the radar paties. In addition to careful real-time monitoring of the spectrum with a spectrum analyzer while the measurements are taking place, additional review will be performed in the postprocessing of the data to issuer PAVE PAWS measurements are not corrupted by in-band interference. At this time there is no need to conduct tents in which the radar is turned off on command." is no need to conduct (BSL 2004a, Pg. 175)

orace to amount questions:
"Similarly, any received spike-like emissions of the radar are dependent
on the orientation of the observation point and a given beam-pointing
angle. While spikes by nature are broadband, patting energy into a wide

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spectrum at once, they are also by nature transitive and low in energy per frequency. These characteristics will make spike-related interference, if any, difficult to corrupt an everage power enseatement of an ambient emission; and if it does it will be readily identified." (BSL 2004a, Pg. 178)

Rather than explaining how the 2004 peak data was from potential interferers, the 2004 test plan and report repeatedly explain the measurements would not be subject to interference from other sources. In the explanation offered in the 2007 test protocol, as calculations or pictures of instrumentation displays were presented to support the hypothesis of an interferer. No interferers with power, gain, and distance from the measurements the necessary to produce these instrutaneous peaks were identified. Nor was it explained how such interferers would produce instrutaneous pulses that were so being an open of the control of the cont

It is incomprehensible that the Air Force would have allowed other transmitters over a broad area emitting signals larger than the PAVE PAWS rader. Remember the anuateu radio operators were forced to lower their power from 50 watts to 5 watts.

Furthermore, If the durations of the "instantaneous" values are not known, it cannot be concluded that they are brief or "instantaneous." This apparent self-contradiction should be resolved. Bls. 2004b was, after all, a report of PAVE PAWS emissions, not emissions from unidentified, hypothetical interferors.

and to respond to this writer's concerns and defended their 2004

haves: "To ensure we were not ellipping our instrumentation, we observed the radar pulses on the spectrure analyzar for a period of time until we had discerned the probable maximum received pulse power. The instrumentation was set to accommodate that maximum, with additional headroom, while ensuring the noise floor remained at a usefully low level. If any elipping occurred in the instrumentation, as hypothesized by Mr. Young, it is not likely to have been from the radar pulses, based on our setup practices. Rather, because the instrumentation was broadband (30 MHz) and the peak power sensor was looking for instantaneous peaks, there is a possibility that apparent peaks may heve been detected that were higher than the peaks of the radar pulses." (BSL 2007a, Pg4)

The data files refute this claim. At text site #20, the Sandwich public library, 2.06 miles from the rader, the first measurement taken with a gain of 30 dB assurated the presentable with output of 24.74 dBm. The gain was then increased to 40 dB for the next five measurements yielding 24.81; 24.85, 24.64, 24.58, and 24.60 dBm!. Not only

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does this ill advised increase in gain prove that clipping occurred, it suggests that sufficient attention was not always being paid to the resulting data being logged.

rises of 2004 to Previous Measurements Erronsons and Di

The DSEIS states "The study also compared the measurements from the current survey [BSL 2004b] with those taken in 1978 and 1986. Overall, the previous studies' measurements appear to be generally higher than the current measurements." (AF 2008, p 4-5,6). The 2004 test report states "The 1986 measurements taken at three sites similar to 2004 locations were consistently higher than the 2004 measurements." BSL 2004b, p 36.

clipping instrumentation error and are not valid. In cases where this error occurs, the true power flux density is greater than reported. The data cannot be used to support the conclusions in the previous paragraph. 6.9

Furthermore, it is erroneous and deceptive to assert that 2004 measurements than 1986 measurements, the Scusnet comparison being a counter-example.

004, measurements were taken at two Scusset Beach Parking sites, #22 and #23, at a to 07.6 miles. They were compared to a measurement at Scusset pier at a distance a miles. Since power flux density varies as the inverse square of the distance, the value at Scusset Beach Parking should be 48% of the values at the Scusset pier.

BSL 2004b p J3 notes of site #22 "Site near canal in shadow of canal electric power plant" and notes of site #23 "Unobstructed site in parking lot, in second row of [sic] flicing east." BSL 2004b Table 2 gives a power flux density peak of 1.54 inforewatts per square continueter and avarage of -73.1 dB suchrowatts per square continueter for site #22. Table 2 gives a power flux density peak of 1.50 microwatts per square continueter and avarage of -24 dB microwatts per square continueter and avarage of -24 dB microwatts per square continueter for site #23. It was deceptive to compare the value of site #22 "in shadow of the canal electric plant" to the 1986 value for Scussest pier when a measurement at unobstructed site #23 was available. Note the peak values for Scussest Beach sites belong to the set of clipped values (0.15, 1.5, 1.5 microwatts per square continueter) discussed above.

From Figure 1 we see that the peak power flux density for unobstructed site #23 exceeded the antenna pattern specified in AF 1979 by about 7 dlls, a factor of 5. It should be pointed out that the Seusset pier site falls in the null between the first and second side

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In 2002, 2003, and 2004, a dramatic increase in Ewing's surcome on Cape Cod occurred (Figure 5). The cases are found in two ensembles where higher PA/VE PAWS emissions have been measured; the ensembles are separated by a high population density area shadowed from PAVE PAWS where lower entissions are found. The three cases in the

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ape anaemble were diagnosed in 2003 and 2004. One case from the Mid-G ble and one from the Upper Cape were diagnosed the same month in 2004. ed in 2003 and 2004. One case from the Mid-Cape

Most of the Furine's cases have little or no torrain between the Most of the Ewing's cases have listle or no servain between them and PAVE PAWS. Valley locations or locations on the sides of hills away from PAVE PAWS are an exception. Only two cases have terrain interference, but the individual in one of these cases may lie in a particularly strong aigual path, attended two schools in that path, and was employed as a lifeguard during recont summers with frequent outdoor exposure in large open sum with no terrain interference. Many of the Upper Cape cases live at high elevation of Jones within 15 vertical flort of Scango Towey! on a large plottess. Three Upper Cape cases lie at depression angles (the angle below the horizon of the center of the PAVE PAWS antenna) within 0.03 degrees of the peak of the first sidelobe of radiation from PAVE PAWS which is found at 0.4 degrees.

East of the Sandwich-Bernstable border, the land slopes gradually to sea level at the B River, the boundary of Dennis and Yarmouth. Hyarmin, Yarmouth, and northorn Centerville (communities of high population density) are in the shadow of the aforementioned high platens. Not supersisingly, low signal strengths were reported by BSL in this area. No Ewing's cases were found in this shadow region.

East of the Bass River, the elevation again rises, and much of the area emerges from the shadow of the upper cape plotous. The path from PAVE PAWS move passes over the Great Salt Marsh of Banneshle, or Cape Col Bay. Here the signal strongly increases, even though the distance is much further. It is here that we encounter three more cases o

Ewing it.

Two beams from the two faces of PAVE PAWS most along the 106 degree radial. Near that like the beams widen. To improve the "peripheral vision," four times as many pulses are transmitted near that line. The exposure along that line is thus eight or more times that received by the general population (MITRE 2000). Sand-wich High School, Demini-Yarmouth Regional High School in South Yarmouth, and the Earn H. Baker School in Wast Demini lie near that line. A young man who attended Sand-wich High School and who succumbed to Ewing's in January, 2007, attended Sand-wich High prior to his diagnosis; a young woman who attended D-Y High (and Earn Baker) succumbed to Ewing's in January, 2008. Both were diagnosed at the same ellike within days of one another, in December 2004. Both were excomplished athleten, used to performing with sches and pain, and whose diagnosis was delayed. This suggests that carcinopness in these two cases may have occurred at a time nearer to the earlier cases then date of diagnosis was delayed. This sund one is late 2002 (see Figure 5); the six cases were diagnosed over a 26 month period. Eight childhood cases have been identified by concurred chizms over a ten year period, and an additional case in 2005 has been identified by the Manuachments Department of Public Health (MDPH 2007); there have also been adult cases.

MDPH 2007 included a report (BSL 2007b) on PAVE PAWS peak power flux density measurements at the homes and other places associated with the Ewing's cases. It is the

opinion of this writer and several epidemiologists that the study was fatalfy flowed from the outset. Of greater concern is that the report ignored the fact that control sites measured in 2007 and 2004 had 40-500 times higher measurements in 2004 than 2007. At als sites, peaks measured in 2007 ver less than averages measured in 2004. Peaks should be on the order of 6000 times averages.

Other Consum

While we don't know their true value, the electrical field components published in 2004 are about 1/100 the value used in the electrophoresis technique commonly employed in DNA analyses for basic research and DNA identification. The mobility of DNA in DNA analyses for basic resourch and DNA identification. The mobility of DNA in cytoplasm is greater than in the gets used in DNA analysis. Typical cell dimensions are several orders of magnitude less than obscripthoresis channels. Ewing 's is the result of known translocation errors so any factor which can manipulate DNA should cause concern. Preliminary estimates by this author suggest that a strand of DNA may be moved 1/3 the width of a cell during a pulse. The circular polarization may produce an effect comparable to putting DNA strands in a blender. There is a need for basic research in this area. A consprehensive literature review of micromulcate sassy studies was suggested in RFIAWG 1999 because of the relevance to carcinogenesis.

The radar exposure typically consists of two pulses 8 milliseconds long or three pulses 5 milliseconds long and continually repeated every 41.04 seconds, 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. However, the radar may be operated in an *renhanced search mode" when the repetition is repeated every 2.5 seconds, increasing the exposure about 16 times normal. Occasional operation in this mode, ofter for test purposes or in response to a perceived millitary threat (such as 911), is of special concorn, and may explain the tomporal distribution of the Cape Cod Eving's sucround cluster in 2002-2005. The possible significance of 9/11 on the operation of this radar station should be taken sections.

In 2002 another environmental impact statement (AF 2002) was prepared for an upg of PAVE PAWS computer hardware and softwars, but not a change in power or operational characteristics. This was termed the Service Life Extension Program or SLEP. Clearly, the advances in electronics hardware, and the inability to instintain outdated hardware made such an upgrade attractive.

It is entirely possible that the operating onvelope of PAVE PAWS could be altered (for example by lowering the main beam elevation) relatively ensity, and relatively quickly. The possibility has come with the qualifier that there was no incentive, in that would cause other operational difficulties (NRC 1979b p 58).

However, it is Hkoly that the state of the art of phased array radar has advanced in the 25+ year life of this radar station. It is possible that opportunities for improved performance given the existing astonna array and power limitations have been identified. It is possible that the station was or is being used temporarily as a test platform for new control

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One strategy for controlling phased array radar is to generate multiple beams for multi-tasks or targets. This would likely come with a loss of the narrow focus of the radiatic pattern. Protections originally provided to minimize exposure on the ground would like

Radar is vulnerable to outside interference (jamming) from any vehicle which could deliver a sufficiently controlled and powerful radar signal. Vehicles which may have this capability are in the U.S. flost, and could be engaged in jamming and countermeasure experiences, expessing the Cape Ced population to bi-directional radiation exposure in excess of that we have been experiencing previously.

It is also possible that phased array radar could be used as a low-level electromagnetic pulse weapon. PAVE PAWS has been reported to have "shot down" a helicopter which strayed too close. The phased array technology is used in the "Active Denial" device, a HUMVEE mounted radar which burns busness skin at a distance of 1300 feet.

Such reasonable speculation could have been replaced with hard data If the 1979 requests for continuous environmental monitoring had been honored.

It is this writer's professional opinion that the power flux density of the pulses at any point within the scanned sectors can be predicted from the specifications of the radar an the laws of electromagnetic wave propagation. The free space prediction was given in AF1979a and the ability to compute path losses was demonstrated in ISSL 2004a.

It is this writer's professional opinion that the power flux density from the PAVE PAWS radar can be measured rollably. A dilligent measurement program would include comparison of the measurements with predicted values, and an interpretation of those

It is this writer's opinion that the PAVE PAWS radar station has been given a "free pass" with respect to environmental monitoring in spike of requests from the community. Continuous monitoring would allow the expassed oppulation to know whether or not the radar exposure is consistent with predictions.

14 The DSEIS is not responsive to the concerns of the scientific community and local 8.6 community about potential health effects from the intonse pulses emitted by the PAVE PAWS radar.

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Peak measurements were made to support the DSEIs, but were ignored. Had they been analyzed, it would have been apparent that several encoeded the published specifications for the rader, and that approximately half of both peak and average power measurements were corrupted by instrumentation error. We still do not know the true value of the human exposure to PAVE PAWS radar emissions. Further exposure predictions or epidemiologic analyses using this data are fatally flawed.

The goal of the EIS process is to assure the public that the proponent's activity can be conducted without harm to the environment. Reviewing the research supporting the Draft Supplemental Environmental Inspect Statement shows levels of electromagnetic radiation, in spile of being under-upported due to instramentation error, escoal previously published specifications for the radies station. A statistically significant excess of Ewing's sercome has temporal and spatial relationships to the radar operation that was missed in the epidemiologic study supporting the DSEIS. However, in the intervening three years store was ample opportunity to consider the Cape Cod Ewing's sercome cluster. 6.10 missed three ye

A final EIS which relies on this flawed research cannot be published.

- A diligent review of the work reported by Broadcast Signal Lab, particularly the power flux density measurements, must be conducted by a credible independent
- party.

 2) An explanation must be provided as to when and why the PAVE PAWS

- 2) An explanation must be provided as to when and why the PAVE PAWS specifications have changed.

 3) A complete description of the radar operating modes and their resulting human exposure must be provided.

 4) Environmental Impact reviews required by changes in specifications or operational characteristics which changed environmental exposure smat be conducted.

 5) BSL measurements of the peak and average values of power flux density at the 50 sites visited in 2004 smats be replicated by a credible independent third purty during the winter when vegetative cover is minimal.

 6) Further renearch as described by the NRC in 1979 regarding enhanced exposure in buildings, such as the schools located in high exposure areas, must be conducted for frequencies in the 420-450MHz band.

 7) An independent party should be acted to assess the nosability that the PAVE PAWS.

- buildings, such as the screens of the such as the possibility that the PAVE PAWS reduces in the 420-450HHz band.

 7) An independent party should be asked to amess the possibility that the PAVE PAWS radar station has been used as a sest platform for new control strategies, for melliple home operation, for use an an electromagnetic pulse weapon, and for use in radar juntaning and countermeasures experiments.

 8) An independent party smart amess potential for alming the PAVE PAWS make beam below the 1 degree elevation where advantages of ducting stuy be realized. The technology available since this was last dismissed 30 years ago casts doubt that the previous conclusions are still valid.

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- 9) A program to conclust independent, continuous monitoring of the PAVE PAWS radiation must be established as has been done for other potential hazards in the environment. This must include instrumenting a fitsed site and providing mobile equipment to identify "host spots" or to investigate exposure at particularly significant sites, such as schools and beaches.

 10) Finish Difference Time Domain (FDTD) modeling of anatomically well scaled models of humans is sites from infancy through additioned must be conducted. It is crucial that the complete characteristics of the rader field as exportenced by humans be accurately modeled. This study must include postures of the feel position and sitting, as well as standing. It must also identify unhancements due to multiple pursons positioned at critical spacings.

 11) An effort must be made to analyze the growth of Evring's tumors so that bounds can be estimated for the time interval prior to diagnosis at which carcinogenesis may have occurred.
- occurred.

 12) Possible estiologies associated with potential biologic effects in bones from PAVE
 PAWS radiation must be evaluated as possible causes of the Ewing's translocation
- error.

 13) The continued research must take place with full public view, and that participation by interested parties must be allowed.

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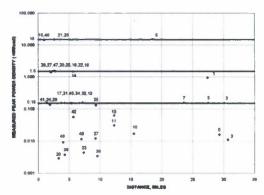


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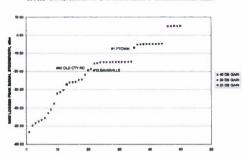
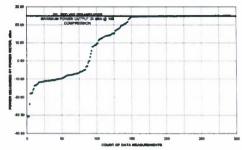


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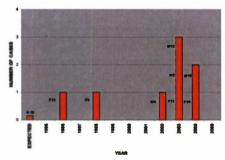


Figure 5: Histogram showing the temporal distribution of Ewing's serooms cases, the sex, and age at diagnosis. The expected occurrence is also shown.

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Subject; EH: Peve PAMD public health Draft SEIS: e-mail attachments are same es color
handours 1 mailed you.

Good morning, Mr. Perry. Glad to hear you received the report and e-meil. The color bandoute I tucked is the front cover of your SEII report are priscouts of the ettachments I s-meiled you, so you don't need to ask your kids to download them.

You're very malcome for the information. Thank you for calling to ask; I understand it's difficult to drive to evening meetings, and Bourne is a long drive from Harwich supecially with pummer traffic.

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Geological occanography sounds like a fascinating career. I can only imagine the sights, experiences you've had with NGAA. Thanks for giving me a new vocabulary word, "muiti-base," meaning phased array.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED OUTSIDE OF THE COMMENT PERIOD

The following comments were received approximately 8 months after the public comment period ended (ended August 4, 2008). These comments are included as part of the official record for the Final SEIS for the Pave PAWS Early Warning Radar Operation, Cape Cod AFS, Massachusetts and were provided to the decision makers in accordance with 40 CFR Part 1503 for their consideration prior to completion of the ROD.

Franc: Sherry Milham

Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:23 AM

Neuman, Lynne E Cir USAF AFSPC AFSPC/A4/7P

Subject: PAVE PAWS Morch 2009 EIS

Dear Ma Neuman.

I'm a noticul spidemiologisa who has been following the PAVE PAWS story since its inception (my CV is attached). I'd he very surprised if there were no detrimental health effects due to this antenne. There is another powerful provement assume in Manachusents, a LORAN amenia on Neumeter. Island. There are a bor of notical and human does suggesting that radio frequency reliation in carcinogenia. Lording as available cancer incidence data for Mass. constitut and towns makes one even move stapusious about those antennas.

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eday, April 01, 2009 10:32 AM

Neuman, Lynne E Civ USAF AFSPC AFSPC/A4/7P Tec

Subject: Pave Paws EIS

Dear Lynne. My lost E-mail got sent before I completed it. If like to add the following to my comments:

On p.5.7 the following statement in also unbelievable:

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health effects amenicated with the operation of the FAVE PAW'S radber pysions.

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Sam Milham MD

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Sunday, April 12, 2009 3:49 PM

Neuman, Lynne E Civ USAF AFSPC AFSPC/A4/7P To: Commercia on PAVE PAWS SEIS, 2009

Attachments: pave pave Final SEIS.doc

Attached please find our commonsts on the Final Supplemental EIS for PAVE PAWS Early Warning Rader Opusetion Cape
Cod Air Force Stations, Manachusetts. We request that you include these comments in the efficial legal SEES process and
documentation. We urge AP and MIDA decision malars to re-eval our previous comments that we have submitted
throughout the americane NIPFA/EA/EIS/SEIS processes that began as for back in 1999 regarding the continued operation of
PAVE PAWS on Cape Cod.

Cape. Cod was an III-chosen side for PAVE PAWS in 1979 due III the close proximity in a large population that has grown transactionally over the last 30 years. Cape Cod has a history of high cancer race including the epidemic of Througe Secroms that has yet to be equilised. Given the AV and MDA's long-term phase for PAVE PAW's consistent operations, it needs be prudent to re-locate the Cape Cod PAVE PAW's eperation to a monte location where residents would not be esposed to the phased array; redision that has not be needed possible to the control of the part of th

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April 10, 2009

Ms. Lynne Neuman HQ AFSPC/AFP 150 Vandenberg St. Suite 1105 Peterson AFB, CO 80914-2370 Fax: 719-554-3849 e-mail: Lynne.Neuman @ Peterson.af.mil

RE: SUPPLEMENTAL EIS FOR PAVE PAWS EARLY WARNING RADAR OPERATION CAPE COD AIR FORCE STATION, MASSACHUSETTS

We are extremely disappointed in the EIS processes for the Cape Cod PAVE PAWS and resulting SLEP EA, Draft and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). The Air Fuve (AF) reported in the media that they apen 36.5 million on the EIS/SEIS processes and AF funded studies. This was as waste of good taxpayer dollars that could have been spent on relevant time-domain measurements and analytical epidemiological studies that could have provided real evidence of safety or harm.

The AF took the NEPA regulations that were designed to allow a public voice in the process and spent millions of taxpayer dollars and man hours to circumwent and manipulate the NEPA process and minimizes the public louder that deffectiveness. A fine example of this was that the public comments that were printed in the SEIS were minimized in size such that 4 one-page documents were printed on each page resulting in such small print that it is very difficult to read and much of the comments are lost.

The AF throughout the EIS processes and documents including the Draft and Final SEIS repeatedly manimized the extent of public concern over the long-term health effects of exposure to PAVE PAWS phased array radiation. In fact, a multitude of public officials including our MA federal delegation (Senators Kennedy, Kerry and Congressman William Delahunt) were extremely concerned, as were local elected officials and citizens. They were especially concerned that no studies had been done since the original EIS was completed in 1979. Senator Kennedy and the federal delegation in the late 1970's called for the original EIS and were still very concerned in the late 1990's to call for a new EIS.

The public and elected officials from the beginning of the new EIS processes which began in 1999 with the National Misaile Defense (NMD) EIS Programmatic EIS and AF SLEP EA in 2000, called for an independent analytical epidemiological study using time-domain measurement data that included true-peak pulse measurement data. We wasted the epidemiological study to understand personal exposure in the home, work and school environments since people are not stationary and move around their community. We wanted true peak measurements as that is what Cape Codders are exposed to 24/7.

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We urged that the Silent Spring Institute that was already in place and had spent years doing analytical epidemiological work on the breast cancer incidence on Cape Cod carry out this most

We expected an independent EIS process that would be done in a timely fashion that would provide the long-awaised studies and a process and resulting documentation that the public and elected officials could understand. This was not to be the case. The AF went ahead and broke the process down into a SLEP EA, and hegan what they insisted was an "iterative" process that would include multi-processes that the average citizen and elected officials could not follow or understand. This Final SEIS does not even mention that the Missile Defense Agency (MDA) formally the National Missile Defense Agency (NMD) did there own EIS process and supplement for PAVE PAWS. The MDA will be basing their decision on this AF SEIS whether or not to move ahead with their plans to upgrade and use the Cape Cod PAVE PAWS in the missile defense architecture.

There were multiple EIS processes going on at the same time by different agencies and it has been impossible for citizens and elected officials to understand and effectively participate in the various processes. In addition to the NMD EA and EIS processes and the AF SLEP EA process, the AF also did an EA for the Milistar System they added to the Cape Cod PAYE PAWS site and the Defense Satellite Communication System (DSCS) which was also added to the site.

The Scope of the SEIS process was very narrow especially due to the fact that the acoping process had been done so long ago in 2000 and 2003 before new data had come to light such as the Ewings Sarroma epidemic on Cape Cod.

The AF and MDA dismissed the option to move PAVE PAWS without adequately studying this alternative. We had pointed out on numerous occasions that the Texas and Goorgia PAVE PAWS had been disassembled and snoved to a more remote location in Alaska. The AF announced their cost savings in a press release. The AF did not adequately investigate the option of a sea-based platform for PAVE PAWS and did not include it as an alternative.

We continuously pointed out throughout the various NMD/MDA and AF EIS processes in oral testimony at public meetings and bearings and in written comments that the Cape Cod community had grown extensively and there were people living and recreating within a mile of PAVE PAWS and that it should be moved to a remote location. This was especially important given the fact that the MDA also had long-term pleas for the Cape Cod PAVE PAWS in their missile defense architecture.

The PAVE PAWS Public Health Steering Group (PPPHSG) was not independent. Sec our comments in the Draft SEIS that notes the AF (General Pavlovich) interfered in the public process. For instance the PPPHSG asked for time-domain measurements to be used in the study; however the AF's General Pavlovich sent a letter to the PPPHSG refusing to find this request. The AF also insisted on a descriptive epidemiological study (vs. an analytical study).

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The PPPHSG administrative secretary and personnel were under AF direction/control. This control was a sticking point for the Barnstable County Commissioners who would not partner with the AF because they would not have the independence they required. For lastance all mail received from the public, independent scientists, etc. was received and reviewed by the AF first (not the PPPHSG). There were also AF representatives on the PPPHSG that were very vocal and would often control the so-called public meetings.

The National Research Council (NRC) process was also not independent due to AF funding and control. Please re-read our comments in the previous EA, EIS and PPPHSG and NRC proceedings.

There was extreme AF interference in the silencing of AF researcher and medical doctor, Richard Albanese. MD throughout the EIS process and earlier when Dr. Albanese contracted the Massachusetts Department of Public Health with his medical concerns regarding PA/VE PAWS. Dr. Albanese has been involved with the PAVE PAWS health issue since the 1970's. AF Officials interfered in Dr. Albanese's presentation of his research to the NRC, his efforts in the AF's limited time-domain measurement effort and communication at public meetings including the PPPHSG as well as written communication. Dr. Richard Albanese is not mentioned once in the SEIS despite the fact that the MA federal delegation called for time-domain measurements to be taken based on the briefing they requested and received by Dr. Albanese on the research be lead on the Electromagnetic Health and Safety Program (EHS).

Numerous adverse actions were taken by AF management against Dr. Richard Albancse for speaking publicly as a private citizen on the PAVE PAWS issue. Dr. Albanese pointed out to officials and the public that a ground wave had been measured in the community surrounding PAVE PAWS but AF management denied this. The AF did not perform a data analysis of any of the AF's own time-domain measurement data. Dr. Albanese provided personally computed data to the NRC that was not included in the SEIS as well as bis personal medical concerns that were also not included in the SEIS.

There is a fatal mathematical error in the data analysis of the BSL measurements of 2004. The resulting statistical data used by the AF in the SEIS as well as critical medical statistics and descriptive epidemiological data are fatally flawed as noted by leading epidemiologists.

The Air Force and Missile Defense Agency decision makers will be making their decisions on faulty information. There is still no evidence of safety more than 30 years after PAVE PAWS began operating that Cape Codders' health is not affected adversely affected by continuous long-term exposure to phased array microwave radiation from the Cape Cod PAVE PAWS.

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We urge you and the AF and MDA decision makers to re-read the comments we have provided in the Final SEIS (from our original documents in 1999 through the current SFIS decumentation).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Richard Judge Former Sandwich Selectman

Sharon Judge

cc. President Barack Obarna Senator Edward Kennedy Senator John Kerry Rep. William Delahunt

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Bernard Young

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Dear Ms. Neuman

Thank you for forwarding the PDF version of the subject SEIS.

I have yet to receive the paper copy I was expecting.

I am disappointed the public comments were shrunk to fit four pages into space for one. Some of the information they contain has been lost.

I have attached three files in response to the notice published in the Federal Register. They consist of a DOC file containing my comments, a TXT file from BSL, and an XLS spreadsheet recomputing the data contained in the TXT file and evaluating a systematic mathematical error.

Sincerely.

Bernard J. Young, P.E.

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The address reported in the Cape Cod Times is for a 2006 letter from the PPPHSG to the Air Porce.

Thank you.

Bernard J. Young, P.S

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Bernard J. Young, P.E. REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

August 3, 2008

Lynne Neuman HQ AFSPC/A4/7PP Peterson AFB, CO 80914-2370

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Dear Ms. Neuman:

Please give these comments on the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Staten March 2009 for PAVE PAWS Early Warning Radar Operation Cape Cod Air Force Station, MA, your careful consideration.

There is a mathematical error in the data analysis which continues to be widespread throughout the report on PAVE PAWS emissions, BSL 2004.

What is Wrong?

An error in computing averages, median, and standard deviation results from inappropriately extending the mathematical property of distributivity of multiplication over addition. Distributivity is so fundamental is taken for granted; elementary and secondary students apply it long before they learn that it has a name. You will recognize it as intuitively obvious: $k \ (a+b+c...) = ka+kb+kc+..., \qquad (1)$ where k, a, b, c, ... are real numbers. It is valid to some other algebras, but it is not valid over the transcendental functions: aine, cosine, logarithm, to name a few.

For example,

 $\sin (a+b+c) \neq \sin a + \sin b + \sin c;$ (2) $\log (a+b+c) \neq \log a + \log b + \log c.$ (3)

In fact, one useful property of logarithms is $\log a + \log b + \log c = \log \ (abc). \eqno(4)$

Now it is common in scientific fields which routinely analyze data ranging over several orders of magnitude, such as electronics and acoustics, to transform such data to the decibel scale, which is a logarithmic scale. There are two primary reasons for doing this. First, you can compress the data and see many orders of magnitude on a manageable graph. Second, adding decibels is equivalent to multiplying, and addition is more easily

performed by man and computer than multiplication. The latter property is derived from equation (4) above.

The decibel transformation is $dB \; x = 10 \log x,$

where log is the common base ten log:

The loverse decibel transformation is $x = 10^{4}(dB x)/10)$ (6)

where "A" is the exponentiation operator, raising to a power.

These transformations are not distributive, because taking a logarithm or raising to a ower not distributive

It can be seen throughout BSL 2004, eg. Table 1, Page 7, that the average, median, standard deviation, minimum, and muximum of a set of decibel values are presented. This is readily done in a spreadablest program which has functions to perform these tasks. However, those functions pressume the arguments, the data on which they operate, are linear scalar quantities.

This error in not made consistently. For example, Table A6.2 from BSL2004, pages A35-36 show the six average power flux density measurements at each site, and their averages. The average values are correctly computed by converting the six individual decibel scaled measurements to their linear values before computing the average, and then converting that result back to a docibel scaled value. However, the standard deviation is computed with the decibel values.

How Bad is the Resulting Error?

In the case of a single decibel quantity, there is no error. The maximum and minimum functions return a single value without computation, so there is no error. The median function will return the correct decibed value for an odd number of members in the sequence, since a single number can be identified without computation for which the number of members of the set that are larger is equal to the number of members of the set that are larger is equal to the number of members of the set that are smaller than the median value sought.

The standard deviation uses the average, so if the average is wrong, the standard deviation is wrong. The standard deviation also involves exponentiation (squaring). The usefulness of the standard deviation metric when applied to decibels values is dubious, since it yields unstable results, and any attempt to convert the standard deviation of decibel values to a linear acaled value is meaningless.

Given a set of decibel values, to properly compute the average one must apply the inverse decibel transform (6) to each member of the set to recover the linear scalar value, add the linear values, and divide by the number of values in the set. The operation of computing an average (arithmetic mean) is well understood. If the range between minimum and

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maximum of a set of decibel values is small, the error is small. If the range is large, as it is with most of the PAVE PAWS data, the error is large.

If one takes the average (arithmetic mean) of decibel scaled values and converts the result to a linear scale value, one gets the geometric mean. This result derives from equation (4) above. The geometric mean is always less than the arithmetic mean unless all values in a set are equal. Thus, taking the average (arithmetic mean) of decibel values is misleading.

This error is illustrated by considering a select set of 7500 data for Site 19, Position 1, 9:59:26, Jarves Rd., from the data disk delivered to Barnstable County Health Department with BSL 2004. The data logged at test time is contained in a text file and is attached herewith. I have imported that data into a spreadheat and computed the average, median, and standard deviation of the decibel scaled data in the file and obtained the sature results as entered in the text file. The average given at the bottom of the text file is -65.17 dBm (decibels relative to one milliwart) and I confirmed that it is the average of the three columns (C, D, and E), 7500 points each, of decibel scaled values. I highlighted the results in yellow. I have added columns (H, and I, converting decibel scaled values to linear values before averaging. Converting back to decibel scale yielded a result of -46.87 dBm, highlighted in green. The error results in under-reporting the average by -18.30 dBm, a factor of 187.57, highlighted in red. This is a significant error. It was repeated in 292 data files.

Peak Measurement

The inference is made that the "peak" measurements reported to BSL are brief. While one sample may be brief and consist of only 22 cycles, about half the values "measured" were nonethelens clipped, so we have no folded just how intense they were. This has not been refused. No evidence is offered that these "peaks" were brief, or that they were encountered just once at each site. There is no evidence that they did not occur several times, or for a continuous for a substantially longer interval. To assume that only one brief 22 cycle occurred, and that it always coincided with a 22 cycle interval is wishful thinkine.

Reference to the MDPH Report

To any that the MDPH report on PAVE PAWS and Ewing's surcouna (MDPH 2007) is thoughtful and thorough is an umiformed lay opinion, is erroneous, and is of little value. Numerous environmental epidemiologists have described the MDPH effort as "fatally flawed." These concerns were first voiced immediately upon publication in December 2007, and have been recently communicated to the Secretary, Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

These flaws include matching the index and comparison testing sites on factors of distance and elevation, both related to emission levels, fallure to estimate historical

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emission levels that may have been higher in the past, and possible interference when emissions were measured (a new explanation offered by BSL).

There are many factors built into the 2007 study which make the comparison (control) site measurements erronger than the index (Ewing's) measurements.

The comparison (control) site selection packed several sites at high elevations nearer to the radar than the nearest Ewing's case residence. Average, median, standard deviation, and minimum values of comparison sites were greater than for index (Ewing's sites). Only one comparison (control) was chosen further from the radar than the farthest Ewing's case, by only 0.5 miles out of 23.

Focusing on the average distance masks the fact that signal intensity diminishes as the square of the distance from the radar transmitter.

There is a vast area of Cape Cod where no Ewing's has occurred, and where no measurements were taken

No histories were taken of the Ewing's cases which may have identified other locations where significant exposure may have occurred, including multiple residences and other schools.

Vegetative clutter (an attenuating factor more significant in summer, when the measurements were made, than in winter) exists for many of the Ewing's sites; clutter is less significant in several of the high elevation comparison (control) sites with the highest measurements.

The 2007 measurements were taken at ground level. Many of the index residences have second floor sleeping areas. The schools have two and three story classrooms. Near the ground a significant increase in signal strength with increasing elevation is to be expected (that its why TV antennas are monated on chimneys). Measurements would be more sensitive to elevation at an index site than an exposed control site.

The measurement technique evaded the peak pulses measured in 2004, establishing a new peak metric about 1/100° of the peak levels reported in BSL 2004. The true intensity of those peaks was under-reported in 2004 due to a measurement error, even If that error didn't effect the 2004 average measurements. Had the correct average of the peaks reported in 2004 been computed, we would see that they are about 350 times higher than the measured in 2007.

Whatever the cause, those Intense peaks of 2004 are part of the human exposure. The "Panel of Exporta" (MDPH 1999) explained the importance of measuring peak data. No one was aware at that time that there are peaks above peaks. These larger peaks (averaged over 22 cycles) should have been accurately characterized as to intensity and duration during the 2007 measurements.

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Conclusio

In view of the fact that half of the peak values are underreported due to clipping, and the averages in the raw data files have been computed incorrectly, as has much of the tabulated data in BSL 2004, it is my opinion that the Air Force has not met its obligation to evaluate the potential health effects from PAVE PAWS radio frequency emissions. Puthermore, it is my opinion that to pursue the completion of the Environmental Impact process with data knowingly corrupt may be construed as arbitrary and capricious.

Sincerely,

Bernard J. Young, P.E.

Two attachments

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NOTICE OF INTENT

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Actions To Sustain Operability of Air Force Space Command PAVE PAWS Radar Sites at Cape Cod Air Station (AS), Massachusetts (MA); Beale Air Force Base (AFB), California (CA); and Clear Air Station (AS), Alaska (AK)

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321, et seq.), The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and Air Force policy and procedures (32 CFR Part 989), Air Force Space Command (AFSPC) intends to prepare an EIS for the Service Life Extension Program (SLEP) actions to modernize the facilities at the PAVE PAWS (Phased Array Warning System) radar sites located at Cape Cod AS, MA; Beale AFB, CA; and Clear AS, AK.

The current proposal includes replacements of electronic equipment and computer software in the PAVE PAWS Early-Warning Radar facilities. The EIS will assess all impacts as they relate to these replacements, including emission of radio-frequency energy. AFSPC will be the lead agency for the EIS. The Ballistic Missile Defense Organization has been invited to be a cooperating agency. AFSPC is planning to conduct public scoping meetings to determine the issues and concerns that should be addressed in the EIS. Notice of time and location of the scoping meetings will be made to public officials, agencies and announced in the news media in areas where the meetings will be held. For further information concerning the proposed replacements of electronic equipment and computer software in the PAVE PAWS Early-Warning Radar facilities at Cape Cod AS, MA; Beale AFB, CA; and Clear AS, AK, contact Mr. George Gauger, HQ AFCEE/ECA, 3207 North Road, Brooks AFB, TX 78235-5363.

Janet A. Long, Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer. [FR Doc. 00-1976 Filed 1-26-00; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 5001-05-U [Federal Register: July 22, 2002 (Volume 67, Number 140)]

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Department of the Air Force

Air Force Space Command

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Amendment of the notice of intent to prepare an Environment Impact Statement for actions to sustain operability of Air Force Space Command early warning radar sites at Cape Cod Air Force Station (AFS), Massachusetts (MA); Beale Air Force Base (AFB), California (CA); and Clear AFS, Alaska (AK).

SUMMARY: The Air Force hereby amends its notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Service Life Extension Program (SLEP) action at the Early Warning Radars located at Cape Cod AFS, MA; Beale AFB, CA; and Clear AFS, AK, as published in 65 FR 4406, published 27 January 2000. The Air Force intends to prepare a Supplemental EIS to the 1979 EIS on the Operation of the PAVE PAWS Radar System at Otis AFB, MA. The Supplemental EIS will address concerns over the possible health effects from operation of the early warning radar at Cape Cod AFS. The Supplemental EIS will be prepared pursuant to section 1502.9(c) (2) of the Council on Environmental Quality regulations and will include, among other information, the results from ongoing studies and efforts that are addressing concerns related to radio frequency energy (RFE) from the radar. These studies and efforts include a National Research Council study; an RFE survey at Cape Cod, MA; an exposure assessment using the results of the RFE survey; a waveform characterization study; and a review conducted by the Armed Forces Epidemiology Board. The Air Force made the decision to prepare a Supplemental EIS following a review of the SLEP EIS process. The review was prompted by the decreasing availability of spare parts for the early warning radars and increasing concern that the radars were becoming unsupportable due to a lack of spare parts. Through the review process, which took into account comments received during public scoping meetings, the Air Force determined that public concerns centered around the possible health effects arising from operation of the radars, rather than from the proposed action of replacing outdated computer hardware and rehosting software. Replacing computer hardware and rehosting software will not change the amount or characteristics of the radio frequency energy being transmitted by the radar. Based on present calculations, which may change, the Air Force anticipates releasing a draft Supplemental EIS in 2004, approximately six months after the results from the last of the studies is scheduled to be published. The Air Force will prepare site-specific

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environmental assessments (EAs) for the SLEP actions of replacing computer hardware and rehosting software at each of the three early warning radar sites. Notices will be published in local newspapers when the EAs are available for public review.

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SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT MAILING LIST

APPENDIX B

SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT MAILING LIST

This list of recipients includes interested federal, state, and local agencies and individuals that have expressed an interest in receiving the document. This list also includes the governor of Massachusetts as well as United States senators and representatives and state legislators.

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APPENDIX C RADIOFREQUENCY REGULATIONS AND SAFETY STANDARDS

APPENDIX C

RADIOFREQUENCY REGULATIONS AND SAFETY STANDARDS

The assessment of human health and safety related to environmental exposure hinges on adhering to exposure limits recommended in scientifically based standards. The relevant primary exposure limits to protect health and safety regarding radiofrequency energy (RFE) are those developed by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and adopted by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). The IEEE standard was developed in 1991 and adopted by ANSI in 1992. The 1999 Edition (IEEE C95.1-1999) specifically modifies induced and contact current limits, but does not modify the exposure limits applicable to the general public. In addition to IEEE/ANSI, other organizations have published relevant limits, including state, federal, and international organizations.

C.1 UNCONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT/GENERAL PUBLIC EXPOSURE LIMITS FOR RADIOFREQUENCY ENERGY

The standards for the human exposure limits to radiofrequency energy for the frequencies used by PAVE PAWS, 420-450 megahertz (MHz), are similar throughout the world. However, rationales differ for the magnitude of the safety factor, for the circumstances of exposure, for the nature of sensitive populations, and for the presumed health status of the individuals for whom the basic restriction (standard) is applicable (Erdreich and Klauenberg, 2001). Agencies and organizations that have promulgated exposure limits include IEEE/ANSI, United States Federal Communications Commission (FCC), World Health Organization (WHO)/International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP), United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), National Council on Radiation Protection (NCRP), Australia/New Zealand, Canada, and the United Kingdom's National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB). The exposure limits from several of these organizations are summarized in Table C-1 and illustrated in Figure C-1.

Table C-1. Radiofrequency Energy Limits for the General Public at 420-450 MHz

	Applicable			
	Frequency		Exposure Limit	Averaging
	Range	Derivation	at 420 MHz	Time
Organization	(MHz)	(mW/cm ²)	(mW/cm ²) ^(a)	(minutes)
IEEE, (1999)	300-3,000	f/1,500	0.28	30
U.S. FCC, (1997)	300-1,500	f/1,500	0.28	30
WHO/ICNIRP, (1998)	400-2,000	f/2,000	0.21	6
U.S. OSHA ^(e)	300-3,000	f/1,500	0.28	30
NCRP, (1986)	300-1,500	f/1,500	0.28	30
Aus/NZ, (1994)	400-2,000	f/2,000	0.21	6
Canada ^(a) , (1999)	300-1,500	f/1,500	0.28	6
U.K. NRPB, (1993)	400-800	-	2.6 ^(b,c)	15

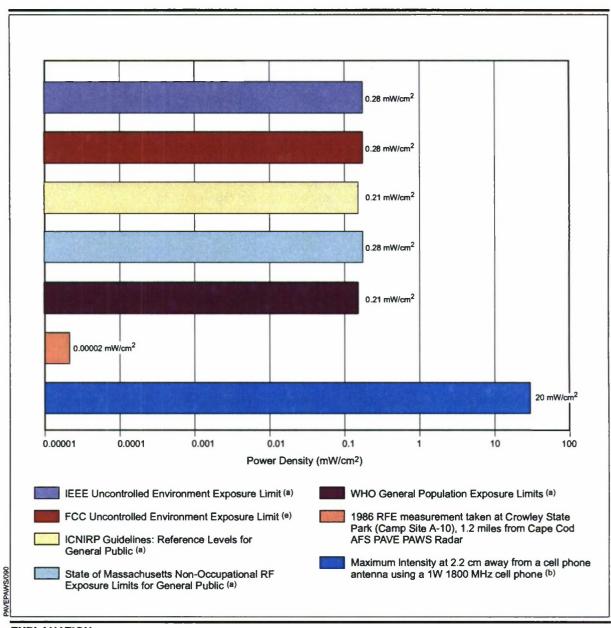
Notes: (a) In the relevant frequency range, the lowest limit is for 420 MHz; therefore, only this limit is presented in this table.

- (b) NRPB refers to these numbers as "investigation levels" and are measurement benchmarks for investigating whether compliance with basic restrictions (e.g., 0.4 W/kg) is achieved.
- (c) This is not specific to occupational or general public exposures, rather it is based on the presence or absence of small children in the exposure environment.
- (d) Health Canada.
- (e) OSHA has adopted the IEEE exposure limits; (e.g., U.S. EPA has adopted the FCC exposure limits).

f = frequency in MHz

MHz = megahertz

mW/cm² = milliwatts per square centimeter



EXPLANATION

Frequancy of 420 MHz (a) Source: Independent Expert Group on Mobile Phones, 2000. (b) FCC Federal Communications Commission ICNIRP Intamational Commission on Non-ionizing Radiation Protection IEEP Instituta of Electrical and Electronics Engineers MHz megehertz mW/cm² milliwatts per squere centimeter RF radiofraquancy

Comparison of RFE Measurements and **Exposure Standards**

Figure C-1

RFE

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C.2 FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

The FCC is the agency responsible for regulating the use of electromagnetic (EM) spectral frequencies for broadcasting, transmitting, and telecommunications services. Table C-2 contains a listing of systems and applications regulated by the FCC.

Table C-2. Systems/Applications Regulated by the FCC

Experimental Radio Service	Wireless communications service
RF Devices	Radio broadcast services
Multipoint Distribution Service	Experimental/auxiliary/special broadcast
	and other program distribution services
Paging and Radiotelephone Service	Stations in the Maritime Service
Cellular Radiotelephone Service	Private land mobile, paging operations
PCS	Private land mobile, "covered" Specialized mobile radio
Satellite Communications	Amateur radio service
General Wireless Communication Service	Local multipoint distribution service

FCC = Federal Communications Commission

PCS = personal communication system

RF = radiofrequency

The FCC has developed regulations that specify what services may be provided and what systems may operate on certain frequencies across the EM spectrum (e.g., primarily in the RF and microwave radiation frequencies ranging from approximately 30 kilohertz [kHz] up to 300 gigahertz [GHz]).

In addition to regulating the use of EM spectral frequencies, the FCC has also adopted guidelines (47 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 2.1 and 1.1310) to be used for controlling human exposure to RFE. First established in 1985, these guidelines were revised and updated on August 1, 1996. The FCC's Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE) limits are based on exposure limits recommended by the NCRP and, over a wide range of frequencies, the exposure limits developed by the IEEE and adopted by the ANSI in 1992.

In reaching its decision on adopting new guidelines, the FCC carefully considered the large number of comments submitted in its rule-making proceeding, and particularly those submitted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and other federal health and safety agencies.

The FCC's limits, and the NCRP and ANSI/IEEE limits on which they are based, are derived from exposure criteria quantified in terms of Specific Absorption Rate (SAR). The basis for these limits is a whole-body averaged SAR threshold level of 4 watts per kilogram (W/kg), as averaged over the entire mass of the body. Expert organizations have determined that potentially hazardous exposures may occur at levels above this threshold. The new MPE limits are derived by incorporating safety factors that lead, in some cases, to limits that are more conservative than the limits originally adopted by the FCC in 1985. Where more conservative limits exist, they do not arise from a fundamental change in the RFE safety criteria for whole-body averaged SAR, but from a precautionary desire to protect subgroups of the general population who, potentially, may be more at risk. The standards have been separated into two categories: Occupational/Controlled Exposure and General Population/Uncontrolled Exposure. The specifics of the standards are listed in Tables C-3 and C-4.

Table C-3. MPE Limits for Occupational/Controlled Exposure

Frequency Range	Electric Field E	Magnetic Field H	Power Density	Averaging Time E 2,
(MHz)	Strength (V/m)	Strength (A/m)	(S) (mW/cm ²)	[H] ² , or S (minutes)
0.3 - 3.0	614	1.63	(100) ^(a)	6
3.0 - 30	1842/f	4.89/f	$(900/f^2)^{(a)}$	6
30 - 300	61.4	0.163	1	6
300 - 1500 ^(b)	-	-	f/300	6
1500 - 100,000	-		5	6

Notes: (a) Plane-wave equivalent power density.

(b) PAVE PAWS range 420-450 MHz.

A/m = amperes per meter |E|² = square of electric field f = frequency in megahertz |H|² = square of magnetic field

MHz = megahertz

MPE = Maximum Permissible Exposure

mW/cm² = milliwatts per square cm

S = power density V/m = volts per meter

Source: FCC, Office of Engineering and Technology (OET), OET Bulletin 65: Evaluating Compliance with FCC Guidelines for Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields, Ed. 97-01, August 1997.

Table C-4. MPE Limits for General Population/Uncontrolled Exposure

Frequency Range	Electric Field (E)	Magnetic Field (H)	Power Density	Averaging Time $ E ^2$,
(MHz)	Strength (V/m)	Strength (A/m)	(S) (mW/cm ²)	H ² , or S (minutes)
0.3 - 1.34	614	1.63	(100) ^(a)	30
1.34 - 30	824/f	2.19/f	$(180/f^2)^{(a)}$	30
30 - 300	27.5	0.073	0.2	30
300 - 1500(b)	-	-	f/1500	30
1500 - 100,000	-	-	1	30

Notes: (a) Plane-wave equivalent power density

(b) PAVE PAWS range 420-450 MHz.

A/m = amperes per meter

|E|² = square of electric field

f = frequency in megahertz (MHz)

|H|² = square of magnetic field

MHz = megahertz

MPE = Maximum Permissible Exposure

mW/cm² = milliwatts per square cm

S = power density V/m = volts per meter

Source: FCC, Office of Engineering and Technology (OET), OET Bulletin 65: Evaluating Compliance with FCC Guidelines for Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields, Ed. 97-01, August 1997.

The occupational/controlled exposure limits apply in situations in which persons are exposed as a consequence of their employment, provided those persons are fully aware of the potential for exposure and can exercise control over their exposure. Limits for occupational/controlled exposure also apply in situations when an individual is transient through a location where occupational/controlled limits apply, provided he or she is made aware of the potential for exposure.

The general population/uncontrolled exposures apply in situations in which the general public may be exposed, or in which persons that are exposed as a consequence of their employment may not be fully aware of the potential for exposure or cannot exercise control over their exposure.

The FCC exposure limits are also based on data showing that the human body absorbs RFE at some frequencies more efficiently than at others. The most restrictive limits apply to the frequency range of 30-300 MHz, in which whole-body absorption of RFE by human beings is most efficient. This concept is illustrated in Figure C-2. At other frequencies, whole-body absorption is less efficient and consequently the MPE limits are less restrictive.

C.2.1 FCC Exposure Limit Safety Factors

Standard-making organizations have incorporated varying safety factors into their existing exposure standards, thus explaining the difference in exposure standards. The FCC has incorporated safety factors into the MPE limits based on a whole-body SAR of 4 W/kg. Consensus throughout the scientific community has established 4 W/kg as the threshold where thermal effects begin, resulting in observable bioeffects. The lowest whole-body average SAR that caused detrimental health effects in animal studies was found to be 4 W/kg. An exposure of humans to 4 W/kg for 30 minutes would result in a body temperature rise of less than 1 degree Centigrade (°C), which is considered an acceptable rise in body temperature.

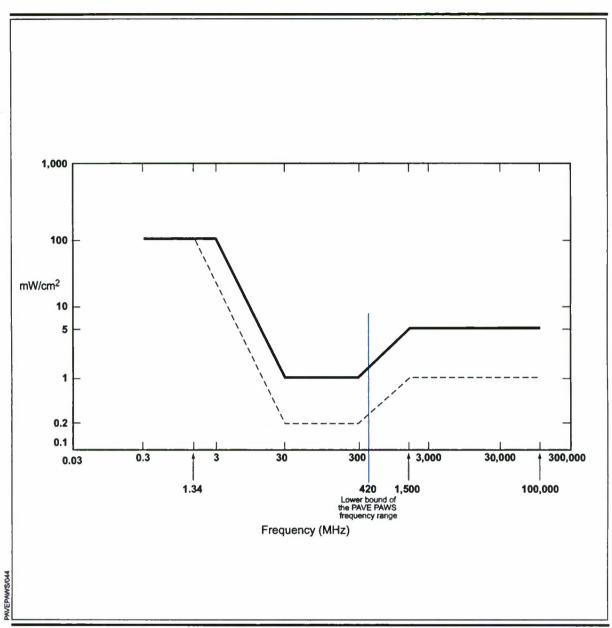
The SAR is the rate of energy absorption per unit mass of an exposed object, or the basic RFE dosimetric quantity. The SAR is directly proportional to the following variables:

- Power density (S)
- Square of the electric field |E|²
- Square of the magnetic field |H|²
- Square of the induced current (I²).

When exposed to RFE, the maximum SAR produced is 0.28 milliwatt per square centimeter (mW/cm²) at a frequency of 70 MHz (|E| polarization). By comparison, the maximum aerobic power (heat conversion) generated by a healthy man during heavy exertion is approximately 16.7 W/kg (Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, 2001). Examples of ellipsoidal models used to predict SAR values are found in Figure C-3. These models show varying orientations for the multiple variables involved in the prediction of the SAR. Models such as the ones in Figure C-3 are often used in animal studies and human studies to predict SAR values for given RFE exposure scenarios. Variables such as frequency and polarization of the RFE field, size and shape of the exposed body, thermal conductivity of the body, and the surrounding environment/ground plane all contribute to the measured SAR.

However, in the absence of adequate knowledge concerning the mechanisms of interactions between radiofrequency (RF)/microwave energy and biological systems, and in light of the limitations inherent in the SAR, the following conclusions can be drawn (World Health Organization, 1981):

- SAR alone cannot be used for the extrapolation of effects from one biological system to another, or for the extrapolation of biological effects from one frequency to another
- Curves for exposure that produce equivalent SARs for a given body over the RF/microwave energy
 spectrum may be used to predict equivalent average heating, provided the data concerning heat
 dissipation indicate equivalent heat dissipation dynamics. Such curves cannot, however, be used as
 the only basis for predicting biological effects or health risks over the RF/microwave spectrum, since
 from current knowledge, it is not possible to state that equivalent average energy absorption rates for
 given radiation frequencies is associated with equivalent biological effects.





Occupational/Controlled Exposure

General Population/Uncontrolled Exposure

mW/cm² milliwatts per square centimeter

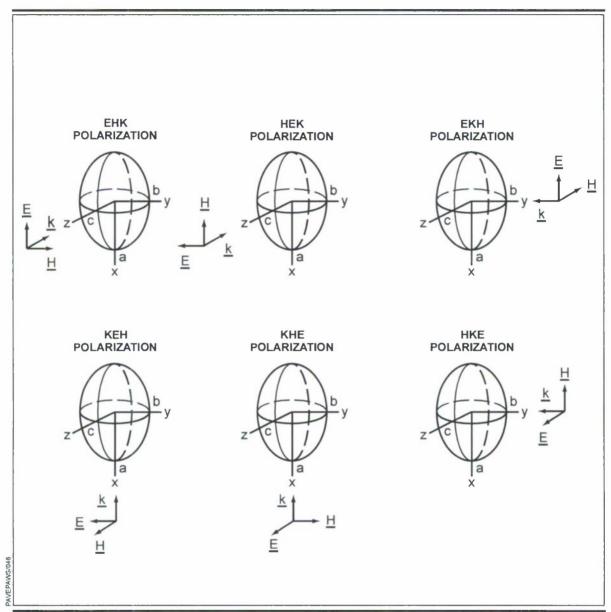
MHz megahertz

FCC Limits for Maximum Permissible Exposure

Plane-wave Equivalent Power Density

Source: Federal Communications Commission, 1997.

Figure C-2



EXPLANATION

E Electric Field Orientation

H Magnetic Field Orientation

k Orientation

a,b,c Ellipse Lines

x,y,z Coordinates

SAR Specific Absorption Rate

Source: World Health Organization, 1981.

Ellipsoidal SAR Models with Multiple Orientations

Figure C-3

Based on the whole-body average SAR of 4 W/kg, the FCC adopted a limit of 0.4 W/kg as averaged over the whole-body as the occupational/controlled exposure SAR limit. This exposure limit thus incorporates a safety factor of 10 in order to allow for unfavorable, thermal, environmental, and possible long-term effects and other variables. However, the distribution of the absorbed energy in the human body can be very inhomogeneous and dependent on the RFE exposure conditions. In partial body exposure situations, depending upon the frequency, the absorbed energy can be concentrated in a limited amount of tissue, even though the whole-body average SAR is restricted to less than 0.4 W/kg. Therefore, the spatial peak SAR cannot exceed 8 W/kg as averaged over any 1 gram of tissue (defined as a tissue volume in the shape of a cube). Exceptions to this limit include the hands, wrists, feet, and ankles where the spatial peak SAR shall not exceed 20 W/kg, as averaged over any 10 grams of tissue (defined as a tissue volume in the shape of a cube). This is due to the fact that devices such as hand-held transmitting radios may exceed or cause a higher localized SAR in these body regions, but would not exceed the whole-body SAR.

Based on the whole-body average SAR of 4 W/kg, the FCC adopted a limit of 0.08 W/kg as averaged over the whole-body as the *general population/ uncontrolled exposure* SAR limit. This limit incorporates an additional safety factor of 5 above that for controlled exposure, for a total safety factor of 50, to allow for unfavorable, thermal, environmental, and possible long-term effects, and other variables. The spatial peak SAR cannot exceed 1.6 W/kg as averaged over any 1 gram of tissue (defined as a tissue volume in the shape of a cube). The spatial peak SAR for the hands, wrists, feet, and ankles shall not exceed 4 W/kg as averaged over any 10 grams of tissue (defined as a tissue volume in the shape of a cube).

C.2.2 Restricted Access and Warning Signs

Another aspect to the FCC exposure limits relates to accessibility to areas where high RFE levels may be present. Exposure may be limited by restricting access by means of erecting security fencing, posting warning signs, or locking out unauthorized persons in areas, where practical. There may be situations in which RFE levels may exceed MPE limits for the general population in remote areas, such as mountaintops or sparsely populated areas, which could conceivably be accessible but are not likely to be visited by the public. In such cases, if appropriate warning signs properly mark the area of concern, fencing or the erection of a permanent barrier may not be necessary. The FCC has adopted the RFE warning sign format produced by ANSI (ANSI C95.2-1982), and recommends the use of such signs; however, in some circumstances, long-lasting and clearly visible symbols are more important than the exact color used on the signage.

C.2.3 Summary

A brief overview of the FCC's regulations relating to RFE exposure has been presented above. The complete regulation can be examined by reading *OET Bulletin 65: Evaluating Compliance with FCC Guidelines for Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields*, including Supplements A, B, and C. These documents are available in an electronic format through the FCC's website at http://www.fcc.gov/oet/rfsafety. Even though the FCC has promulgated their own regulations through the CFR, these regulations are based on the ANSI/IEEE C95.1-1992 (i.e., basic SAR and current limits) and NCRP exposure standards (i.e., MPEs and frequency range); therefore, these standards represent the intense scrutiny and peer reviewed findings from a multidisciplinary panel of experts.

Robert Brenner, Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation, U.S. EPA Office of Air and Radiation, wrote a letter to the FCC dated April 30, 1999, relating to the FCC RFE Guidelines and the role of other government agencies in the FCC rule-making process. Mr. Brenner stated:

The FCC guidelines expressly take into account thermal effects of RF energy, but do not directly address <u>postulated non-thermal effects</u>, such as those due to chronic exposure. That is the case largely because of the paucity of scientific research on chronic, non-thermal health effects. The information base on non-thermal effects has not changed significantly since the EPA's original comments in 1993 and 1996. A few studies report that at <u>non-thermal levels</u>, long-term exposure to RF energy may have biological consequences. The majority of currently available studies suggest, however, that <u>there are no significant non-thermal human health hazards</u>. It therefore continues to be <u>EPA's view that the FCC exposure guidelines adequately protect the public from all scientifically established harms</u> that may result from RF energy fields generated by FCC licensees.

Based on the scientifically and regulatory-accepted standards-making process, the RFE exposure limits adopted by the FCC provide an acceptable level of protection to persons occupationally exposed to RFE and to the general population who may not be aware of potential RFE exposures within their surrounding environment. Even though these RFE exposure limits and regulations apply only to FCC-licensed facilities and transmitters, the rapid commercialization of the telecommunications industry brings the potential for the application of these regulations into the everyday lives of the general population.

C.3 THE INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERS

The IEEE is a non-profit, technical professional association of more than 350,000 individual members in 150 countries. Through its members, the IEEE is a leading authority in technical areas ranging from computer engineering, biomedical technology, and telecommunications, to electric power, aerospace/consumer electronics, and RF/microwave radiation.

The basis for the ANSI/IEEE C95.1-1999 standard goes back to the promulgation of ANSI C95.1-1982. In 1992, extensive revisions of the earlier standard were introduced into ANSI C95.1-1982 based on improved dosimetry that defined frequency-dependent limits on fields and power density. Also, the validity of the previously adopted SAR criterion of 4 W/kg as a basis for standard setting was questioned. A majority of the Risk Assessment Working Group agreed that the literature was still supportive of the 4 W/kg criterion, in addition to reaffirming the safety factor of 10 that yielded an SAR of 0.4 W/kg as the working basis for the MPE. Finally, a debate arose as to the need for two tiers of MPEs to distinguish occupational and general public exposures. In deliberations about the two-tiered system, ANSI concluded that no reliable scientific data exist indicating that:

- Certain subgroups of the population are more at risk than others
- Exposure duration at ANSI C95.1-1982 levels presents a significant risk
- Damage from exposure to EM fields is cumulative
- No thermal (other than shock) or modulation-specific sequelae of exposure may be meaningfully related to human health.

In the promulgation of ANSI/IEEE C95.1-1999 (includes the 1992 standard), ANSI/IEEE adhered to the scientific base of data in the determination of exposure levels that would be safe not only for personnel in the working environment, but also for the public at large. ANSI determined that no verified reports exist of injury to human beings or of adverse effects on the health of human beings who have been exposed to EM fields within the limits of frequency and SAR specified by previous ANSI standards, including ANSI C95.1-1982.

In ANSI/IEEE C95.1-1999, there are extensive modifications of the averaging time for determining permissible exposure. At the upper frequencies, these rules agree with soundly based averaging times derived from optical considerations. At the lower frequencies, new rules on induced currents have been introduced to prevent RFE shock or burns upon grasping contact with an object in an RF environment. For the 1999 revisions, research on the effects of chronic exposure and speculations on the biological significance of nonthermal interactions have not resulted in any meaningful basis for alteration of the standard.

In reaching their conclusion that existing research has not resulted in a meaningful basis for alteration of the standard, ANSI/IEEE selected an initial list of 321 papers as representative of the current state of knowledge on the many RFE bioeffects topics. The prime criterion governing the first selection was peer review before publication. Other selection criteria were publication date (with greater emphasis given to more recent publications on each topic), possible significance of findings (positive or negative) to human health, and relevance to concerns expressed by citizens groups. A final database for the standard comprised 120 papers.

Furthermore, in the continued support of the 4 W/kg SAR criterion, which marks the threshold for unfavorable biological effects in human beings, the IEEE cited: "in terms of human metabolic heat production, 4 W/kg represents a moderate activity level (e.g., housecleaning or driving a truck) and falls well within the normal range of human thermoregulation."

The IEEE C95.1-1999 RFE exposure limits are designed to protect specific exposure groups, thus the two separate exposure standards. The exposure limits have been separated into two categories: (1) Controlled Environments and (2) Uncontrolled Environments. The specifics of the exposure limits are listed in Tables C-5, C-6, C-7, and C-8.

The controlled environment exposure limits apply in situations in which persons are exposed as a consequence of their employment, provided those persons are fully aware of the potential for exposure and can exercise control over their exposure. Limits for controlled environments also apply in situations when an individual is transient through a location where controlled environment limits apply, provided he or she is made aware of the potential for exposure. Controlled environments would be the most likely areas where the induced and contact RF current limits would apply, as these measurements are primarily made in the near-field because far-field RFE levels are negligible.

Exposure associated with an uncontrolled environment is the exposure of individuals who have no knowledge or control of their exposure. The exposure may occur in living quarters or workplaces where there are no expectations that the exposure levels may exceed those in Table C-7, and where the induced currents do not exceed those in Table C-8.

C.3.1 Relaxation of Partial Body Exposure Limits

The adoption of IEEE C95.1, 1999 Edition brought the relaxation of the existing partial body exposure limits, with the exception of the eyes and testes. Compliance with the MPEs of Tables C-5, C-6, C-7, and

Table C-5. Maximum Permissible Exposure Limits for Controlled Environments^(a)

Frequency	Electric Field	Magnetic Field	Power Density (S)	Averaging Time
Range	E Strength	H Strength	E -field, H -field	$ E ^2$, $ H ^2$ or S
(MHz)	(V/m)	(A/m)	(mW/cm²)	(minutes)
0.003 - 0.1	614	163	$(100, 1 \times 10^6)^{(b)}$	6
0.1 - 3.0	614	16.3/f	$(100, 1 \times 10^4/f^2)^{(b)}$	6
3 - 30	1842/f	16.3/f	$(900/f^2, 1 \times 10^4/f^2)$	6
30 - 100	61.4	16.3/f	$(1.0, 1 \times 10^4/f^2)$	6
100 - 300	61.4	0.163	1.0	6
300 - 3000	-	-	f/300	6
3000 - 15,000	-	-	10	6
15,000 - 300,000	-	-	10	616,000/f ^{1.2}

Notes: (a) The exposure values in terms of electric and magnetic field strengths are the mean values obtained by spatially averaging the squares of the fields over an area equivalent to the vertical cross section of the human body (projected area).

(b) These plane-wave equivalent power density values, although not appropriate for near-field conditions, are commonly used as a convenient comparison with MPEs at higher frequencies and are displayed on some instruments in use.

A/m = amperes per meter $|E|^2$ = square of electric field f = frequency in megahertz $|H|^2$ = square of magnetic field MHz = megahertz

MW/cm² = milliwatts per square centimeter

S = power density V/m = volts per meter

Source: IEEE Standard for Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields, 3 kHz to 300 GHz, April 1999; IEEE Standard C95.1, 1999 Edition.

Table C-6. Induced and Contact Radiofrequency Currents (Controlled Environments)^(a)

Frequency Range	Maximum	- Contact	
(MHz)	Through both feet	Through each foot	Contact
0.003 - 0.1	2000 x f	1000 x f	1000 x f
0.1 - 100	200	100	100

Note: (a) It should be noted that the current limits given above may not adequately protect against startle reactions and burns caused by transient discharges when contacting an energized object.

f = frequency in megahertz

mA = milliamperes MHz = megahertz

Source: IEEE Standard for Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields, 3 kHz to 300 GHz, April 1999; IEEE Standard C95.1, 1999 Edition.

C-8 is determined from spatial averages of power density or the mean squared electric and magnetic field strengths over an area equivalent to the vertical cross section of the human body (projected area) at a distance no closer than 20 cm from any object. Table C-9 summarizes the relaxation of partial-body exposures.

At low frequencies, the magnetic field limits have been relaxed relative to ANSI C95.1-1982. Models have been used to demonstrate that the new limits will ensure SARs less than 1/20 of those specified (i.e., 0.4 and 0.08 W/kg). For frequencies between 0.003 and 0.1 MHz (far below the frequencies used by PAVE PAWS), the induced current in controlled environments is limited to reduce the probability of reactions caused by induced currents that exceed perception thresholds for grasping contact with energized objects. For uncontrolled environments, the contact current is based on laboratory data on perception of currents at different frequencies in humans.

Table C-7. Maximum Permissible Exposure Limits for Uncontrolled Environments^(a)

Frequency	Electric Field	Magnetic Field Power Density (S) Averagin		ng Time	
Range	E Strength	H Strength	E -field, H -field	$ E ^2$, S,	or $ H ^2$
(MHz)	(V/m)	(A/m)	(mW/cm ²)	(mi n	utes)
0.003 - 0.1	614	163	$(100, 1 \times 10^6)^{(b)}$	6	6
0.1 - 1.34	614	16.3/f	$(100, 1 \times 10^4/f^2)^{(b)}$	6	6
1.34 - 3.0	823.8/f	16.3/f	$(180/f^2, 1 \times 10^4/f^2)$	$f^2/0.3$	6
3.0 - 30	823.8/f	16.3/f	$(180/f^2, 1 \times 10^4/f^2)$	30	6
30 - 100	27.5	158.3/f ^{1.668}	(0.2, 940000/f ^{3.336})	30	0.0636f ^{1.337}
100 - 300	27.5	0.0729	0.2	30	30
300 - 3000	-	-	f/1500	30	-
3000 - 15,000	-	-	f/1500	90000/f	-
15,000 - 300,000	-	-	10	616000/f ^{1.2}	-

Notes:

- (a) The exposure values in terms of electric and magnetic field strengths are the mean values obtained by spatially averaging the squares of the fields over an area equivalent to the vertical cross section of the human body (projected area).
- (b) These plane-wave equivalent power density values, although not appropriate for near-field conditions, are commonly used as a convenient comparison with MPEs at higher frequencies and are displayed on some instruments in use.

A/m = amperes per meter |E|² = square of electric field f = frequency in megahertz |H|² = square of magnetic field

MHz = megahertz

mW/cm² = milliwatts per square centimeter

S = power density
V/m = volts per meter

Source: IEEE Standard for Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields, 3 kHz to 300 GHz, April 1999; IEEE Standard C95.1, 1999 Edition.

Table C-8. Induced and Contact Radiofrequency Currents (Controlled Environments)^(a)

Frequency Range	Maximum C	Current (mA)	Contact	
(MHz)	Through both feet	Through each foot	Contact	
0.003 - 0.1	900 x f	450 x f	450 x f	
0.1 - 100	90	45	45	

Note: (a)

- (a) It should be noted that the current limits given above may not adequately protect against startle reactions and burns caused by transient discharges when contacting an energized object.
- f = frequency in megahertz

mA = milliamperes

MHz = megahertz

Source: IEEE Standard for Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields, 3 kHz to 300 GHz, April 1999; IEEE Standard C95.1, 1999 Edition.

At frequencies above 6 GHz, the exposure in human tissue is quasi-optical and the SAR exclusion does not apply. At higher frequencies (i.e., greater than 15 GHz), it is known that penetration depth into tissue is much less than 1 cm and thermal time constraints drop to seconds. Conversely, below 0.1 MHz the SAR exclusion rule does not apply; in fact, limits on internal current density can substitute as the basis for exclusion. At these frequencies, the limits are meant to limit the internal current produced by the RF field in order to prevent shock or burns from the discharge of internal body current with an object. The radiating structure must be more than 2.5 cm from the body.

Table C-9. Partial Body Exposure Limits

Exposure Characteristics	Frequency (GHz)	Peak value of mean squared field	Equivalent power density (mW/cm²)
	0.0001 ≤ f < 0.3	< 20 Ē ² or 20 Ħ ^{2(a)}	-
Controlled	0.3 < f ≤ 6		< 20
Environment	6 < f ≤ 96	-	< 20 (f/6) ⁷
	96 < f ≤ 300	-	40
	0.0001 ≤ f < 0.3	< 20 Ē ² or 20 Ħ ^{2(b)}	-
Uncontrolled	0.3 < f ≤ 6	-	4
Environment	6 < f ≤ 30	-	f/1.5
	30 < f ≤ 300	-	20

Notes: (a) |E| and |H| are the spatially averaged values from Table C-5.

(b) |E| and |H| are the spatially averaged values from Table C-7.

f = frequency in gigahertz

GHz = gigahertz

mW/cm² = milliwatts per square centimeter

Source: IEEE Standard for Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields, 3 kHz to 300 GHz, April 1999; IEEE Standard C95.1, 1999 Edition.

C.3.2 ANSI/IEEE Exposure Limit Safety Factors

Biological hazards commonly pose special difficulties to the formulation of safety factors. This is the case regarding the causal relationship between RF exposure levels and an observable biological effect. For some phenomena, the threshold concept may be accepted; however, the distribution of responses is inadequately known to formulate a moderately precise factor or margin of safety. A practical discussion of inference guidelines for risk management is included in the National Research Council's Committee on the Institutional Means for Assessment of Risks to the Public Health, *Risk Assessment in the Federal Government: Managing the Process*, Commission on Life Sciences. IEEE states, "It is the explicit recognition of the need to distinguish between 'science' and 'science policy' in the formulation of guidelines." The previous standard, ANSI C95.1-1982, invoked a safety factor of 10 on the threshold of 4 W/kg whole-body average SAR, but incorporated numerous "conservative assumptions" or implicit contributions toward "safety." The list of conservative assumptions included the following:

- The threshold selected itself (evidence of behavioral disruption) is not a defined hazard; rather it was assumed that chronic exposure under such conditions constitutes a health hazard
- The direct extrapolation from animal to man, arguably, is a conservative assumption given the demonstrably superior thermoregulation of man compared to the reference species
- The selection of the far-field, E-polarized "worst-case" exposure as the reference conditions (the SAR decreases markedly for other polarizations)
- The incorporation in one contour of the resonance frequencies (maximum absorption occurs at about 708 mHz for a standard man [about 175 cm in height]) for all size humans (the SAR falls off markedly for frequencies below resonance).

The collective impact of these "conservative" assumptions is to provide a degree of safety or freedom from hazard for a given human over time and space much greater than is implied by the explicit safety factor of 10. In the context of human thermoregulation, the impact of exposure to 0.4 W/kg is practically indistinguishable from the impact of normal ambient temperature variation, exposure to the sun, exercise, etc. The effect of the last two bullets above greatly reduces the likelihood that the exposure of a given

human to the fields permitted under the standard will produce a whole-body average SAR of 0.4 W/kg, except at the individual's resonant frequency, oriented for E-polarization in the far-field. IEEE concluded that, for the ANSI/IEEE C95.1, 1999 Edition, an additional safety factor was justified only in an uncontrolled environment and then only for exposures that are penetrating or associated with complicating factors like effects from contacting metal objects. The existing safety factor, which is already very conservative, was unchanged by IEEE in the 1999 Edition.

In summary, the use of a safety factor presupposes the selection of a threshold for a hazard. The existing MPEs are based on the threshold for behavioral disruption with acute (short-term) exposures of experimental animals. The threshold selected was 4 W/kg and the explicit safety factor of 10 was applied to obtain a maximum permitted SAR (whole-body average) of 0.4 W/kg. In addition to this explicit safety factor, the MPE contains multiple conservative assumptions that constitute implicit or hidden contributions to a less precise, but much greater margin of safety. An extra safety factor is justified only for some exposures in an uncontrolled environment.

C.3.3 Restricted Access and Warning Signs

Revisions to the existing ANSI/IEEE C95.2-1988 standard include the expanded use of the well-known C95 symbol as well as the introduction of a symbol to discourage contacting metal surfaces that could result in undesirable contact currents. Otherwise, the existing signage and restricted access requirements around areas where potential exposure to RFE levels approaching or exceeding the MPEs continues to be emphasized in the revised ANSI/IEEE C95.2-1999, Standard for Radiofrequency Energy and Current Flow Symbols. Figure C-4 provides a graphical illustration of the advisory symbol for RFE.

C.3.4 Summary

Both ANSI and IEEE standards review policies require that each of its standards and/or guides be reviewed at 5-year intervals. Revisions to the previous ANSI/IEEE C95.1-1982 standard have resulted in the promulgation of C95.1, 1999 Edition, which contains updated scientific, peer-reviewed research in the area of RFE exposure and has based revised exposure limits (MPEs) on these data. IEEE standards are considered international; therefore, the input, scrutiny, and development of IEEE standards come from a diverse and multidisciplinary assembly of persons. Over the last 30 years, there have been attempts by the U.S. EPA, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to develop federal standards or guidance on safe RFE exposure, but all have failed. Federal agencies have primarily relied on the ANSI/IEEE C95 series of standards for the determination of safe exposure limits for RFE. An important factor in this process has been and is the existence of a Federal Policy, OMB A-119, mandating support of and participation by Federal agencies in the voluntary standards-setting process (OMB, 1993). In all, the credibility of the IEEE standards-making process has bestowed an international acceptance of IEEE standards, although other standards-making organizations have created their own RFE exposure standards (e.g., International Radiation Protection Association [IRPA]), resulting in a general consensus of exposure limits used today throughout the United States and many countries worldwide.



Radiofrequency Energy Advisory Symbol

Source: ICNIRP, 1998.

Figure C-4

C.4 INTERNATIONAL RADIATION PROTECTION ASSOCIATION AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON NON-IONIZING RADIATION PROTECTION

In 1974, the IRPA formed a working group on non-ionizing radiation, which examined the problems arising in the field or protection against the various types of non-ionizing radiation. At the IRPA Congress in Paris, France, in 1977, this working group became the International Non-Ionizing Radiation Committee (INIRC). In cooperation with the Environmental Health Division of the WHO, the IRPA/INIRC developed a number of health criteria documents on non-ionizing radiation as part of WHO's Environmental Health Criteria Programme, sponsored by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

At the Eighth International Congress of the IRPA in Montreal, Canada, in 1992, a new, independent scientific organization, the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP), was established as a successor to the IRPA/INIRC. The functions of the Commission are to investigate the hazards that may be associated with the different forms of non-ionizing radiation, develop international guidelines on non-ionizing radiation exposure limits, and deal with all aspects of non-ionizing radiation protection.

Guidelines on high-frequency and 50/60 Hertz (Hz) EM fields were issued by IRPA/INIRC in 1988 and 1990, respectively, but are superseded by the 1998 ICNIRP *Guidelines for Limiting Exposure to Time-Varying Electric, Magnetic, and Electromagnetic Fields (up to 300 GHz).* The 1998 ICNIRP RFE reference levels are listed in Tables C-10 and C-11.

According to ICNIRP, the occupationally exposed population consists of adults who are generally exposed under known conditions and are trained to be aware of potential risks and to take appropriate precautions.

According to ICNIRP, the general public comprises individuals of all ages and of varying health status, and may include particularly susceptible groups or individuals. In many cases, members of the general public are unaware of their exposure to EM fields. Moreover, individual members of the public cannot reasonably be expected to take precautions to minimize or avoid exposure. It is these considerations that underlie the adoption of more stringent exposure restrictions for the public than the occupationally exposed population.

The ICNIRP has established two types of exposure limits: Basic Restrictions, Reference Levels. Restrictions on the effects of exposure are based on established health effects and are termed basic restrictions. Depending on frequency, the physical quantities used to specify the basic restrictions on exposure to EM fields are current density, SAR, and power density. Protection against adverse health effects requires that these basic restrictions are not exceeded. Reference levels of exposure are provided for comparison with measured values of physical quantities; compliance with all reference levels given in the 1998 ICNIRP *Guidelines for Limiting Exposure to Time-Varying Electric, Magnetic, and Electromagnetic Fields (up to 300 GHz)* will ensure compliance with the basic restrictions. If measured values are higher than reference levels, it does not necessarily follow that the basic restrictions have been exceeded, but a more detailed analysis is necessary to assess compliance with the basic restrictions.

Because the body perceives/absorbs the RFE differently at different frequencies, the 1998 ICNIRP guidelines established basic restrictions for multiple frequency ranges for both the occupationally exposed and general public populations. The basic restrictions are listed in Tables C-12 and C-13. The basis for the revision of the 1988 and 1990 guidelines, and promulgation of the 1998 ICNIRP Guidelines for Limiting Exposure to Time-Varying Electric, Magnetic, and Electromagnetic Fields (up to 300 GHz) was a thorough

Table C-10. Reference Levels for Occupational Exposure to Time-varying Electric/Magnetic Fields (unperturbed rms values)

				Equivalent Plane Wave
Frequency	E -field Strength	H -field Strength	B-field	Power Density,
Range	(V/m)	(A/m)	(μ T)	$S_{eq}(W/m^2)$
Up to 1 Hz	-	1.63 x 10 ⁵	2 x 10 ⁵	-
1 - 8 Hz	20,000	1.63 x 10 ⁵ /f ²	$2 \times 10^{5}/f^{2}$	~)
8 - 25 Hz	20,000	2 x 10⁴/f	2.5 x 10⁴/f	-
0.025 - 0.82 kHz	500/f	20/f	25/f	-
0.82 - 65 kHz	610	24.4	30.7	-
0.065 - 1 MHz	610	1.6/f	2.0/f	-
1 - 10 MHz	610/f	1.6/f	2.0/f	-
10 - 400 MHz	61	0.16	0.2	10
400 - 2000 MHz	3f ^½	0.008f ^{1/2}	$0.01f^{\frac{1}{2}}$	f/40
2 - 300 GHz	137	0.36	0.45	50

Notes: (a) f as indicated in the frequency range column.

- (b) Provided that basic restrictions are met and adverse indirect effects can be excluded, field strength values can be exceeded.
- (c) For frequencies between 100 kHz and 10 GHz, Seq, |E|², |H|², and B² are to be averaged over any 6-minute period.
- (d) For peak values at frequencies up to 100 kHz (see Table 4 in the Standard, note 3).
- (e) For peak values at frequencies exceeding 100 kHz (see Figures 1 and 2 in the Standard). Between 100 kHz and 10 MHz, peak values for the field strengths are obtained by interpolation from the 1.5-fold peak at 100 kHz to the 32-fold peak at 10 MHz. For frequencies exceeding 10 MHz, it is suggested that the peak equivalent plane wave power density, as averaged over the pulse width, does not exceed 1000 times the Seq restrictions, or that the field strength does not exceed 32 times the field strength exposure levels in Table 3.2-8.
- (f) For frequencies exceeding 10 GHz, Seq, |E|², |H|², and B² are to be averaged over any 68/f^{1.05}-minute period (f in GHz).
- (g) No |E|-field value is provided for frequencies <1Hz, which are effectively static electric fields.

A/m = amperes per meter

 $|E|^2$ = electric field

f = frequency in megahertz

GHz = gigahertz

 $|H|^2$ = magnetic field

Hz = hertz

kHz = kilohertz

MHz = megahertz

rms = root mean square

S = power density

μT = microTesla V/m = volts per meter

W/m² = watts per square meter

Source: 1998 ICNIRP Guidelines for Limiting Exposure to Time-Varying electric, Magnetic, and Electromagnetic Fields (up to 300 GHz).

Table C-11. Reference Levels for General Public Exposure to Time-varying Electric/Magnetic Fields (unperturbed rms values)

				Equivalent Plane Wave
Frequency	E -field Strength	H -field Strength	B-field	Power Density, S _{eq}
Range	(V/m)	(A/m)	(μ T)	(W/m²)
Up to 1 Hz	-	3.2 x 10 ⁴	4 x 10 ⁴	-
1-8 Hz	10,000	$3.2 \times 10^4/f^2$	$4 \times 10^4/f^2$	-
8-25 Hz	10,000	4000/f	5000/f	-
0.025-0.8 kHz	250/f	4/f	5/f	-
0.8-3 kHz	250/f	5	6.25	-
3-150 kHz	87	5	6.25	-
0.15-1 MHz	87	0.73/f	0.92/f	
1-10 MHz	87 <i>I</i> f ^½	0.73/f	0.92/f	-
10-400 MHz	28	0.073	0.092	2
400-2000 MHz	1.375f ^½	$0.0037f^{1/2}$	0.0046f ^½	f/200
2-300 GHz	61	0.16	0.2	10

Notes: (a) f as indicated in the frequency range column

- (b) Provided that basic restrictions are met and adverse indirect effects can be excluded, field strength values can be exceeded
- (c) For frequencies between 100 kHz and 10 GHz, Seq, |E|², |H|², and B² are to be averaged over any 6-minute period
- (d) For peak values at frequencies up to 100 kHz (see Table 4 in the Guidelines, note 3)
- (e) For peak values at frequencies exceeding 100 kHz (see Figures 1 and 2 in the Guidelines). Between 100 kHz and 10 MHz, peak values for the field strengths are obtained by interpolation from the 1.5-fold peak at 100 kHz to the 32-fold peak at 10 MHz. For frequencies exceeding 10 MHz, it is suggested that the peak equivalent plane wave power density, as averaged over the pulse width, does not exceed 1000 times the Seq restrictions, or that the field strength does not exceed 32 times the field strength exposure levels in Table 3.2-9.
- (f) For frequencies exceeding 10 GHz, Seq, |E|², |H|², and B² are to be averaged over any 68/f1.05-minute period (f in GHz)
- (g) No |E|-field value is provided for frequencies <1Hz, which are effectively static electric fields

A/m = amperes per meter

 $|E|^2$ = electric field

= frequency in MHz

GHz = gigahertz

|H|2 = magnetic field

Hz = hertz

kHz = kilohertz MHz = megahertz

S = power density

μT = microTesla

V/m = volts per meter

W/m² = watts per square meter

Source: 1998 ICNIRP Guidelines for Limiting Exposure to Time-Varying electric, Magnetic, and Electromagnetic Fields (up to 300 GHz).

Table C-12. Basic Restrictions for Time-varying |E|- and |H|-fields (up to 10 GHz)

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		Current Density	Whole-body	Localized	Localized
		for head and	average	SAR (head	SAR
Exposure	Frequency	trunk	SAR	and trunk)	(limbs)
Characteristics	Range	(mA/m²)(rms)	(W/kg)	(W/kg)	(W/kg)
	Up to 1 Hz	40	-	-	-
	1 – 4 Hz	40/f	-	-	-
Occupational	4 Hz – 1 kHz	10	-	-	-
Exposure	1 – 100 kHz	f/100	-	40	-
	100 kHz - 10 MHz	f/100	0.4	10	20
	10 MHz - 10 GHz	400	0.4	10	20
	Up to 1 Hz	8	-	-	-
	1 – 4 Hz	8/f	-	-	-
General Public	4 Hz – 1 kHz	2	-	-	-
Exposure	1 – 100 kHz	f/500	-	-	-
	100 kHz - 10 MHz	f/500	0.08	2	4
	10 MHz - 10 GHz	-	0.08	2	4

Notes: (a) Because of electrical inhomogeneity of the body, current densities should be averaged over a cross-section of 1 cm2 perpendicular to the current direction.

- (b) For frequencies up to 100 kHz, peak current density values can be obtained by multiplying the rms value by 2½ (~1.414). For purposes of duration to the equivalent frequency to apply in the basic restrictions should be calculated as f = 1/(2tp).
- (c) For frequencies up to 100 kHz and for pulsed magnetic fields, the maximum current density associated with the pulses can be calculated from the rise/fall times and the maximum rate of change of magnetic flux density. The induced current density can then be compared with the appropriate basic restriction.
- (d) All SAR values are to be averaged over any 6-minute period.
- (e) Localized SAR averaging mass is any 10 g of contiguous tissue; the maximum SAR so obtained should be the value used for the estimation of exposure.
- (f) For pulses of duration tp, the equivalent frequency to apply in the basic restrictions should be calculated as f = 1/(2tp). Additionally, for pulsed exposures, in the frequency range of 0.3 to 10 GHz and for localized exposure of the head, in order to limit or avoid auditory effects caused by thermoelastic expansion, an additional basic restriction is recommended. This is that the specific energy absorption (SA) should not exceed 10 mJ/kg for workers and 2 mJ/kg for the general public averaged over 10 g of tissue.

E = electric field f = frequency in hertz

GHz = gigahertz

H = magnetic field

Hz = hertz

kHz = kilohertz

mA/m² = milliamperes per square meter

MHz = megahertz

rms = root mean square

SAR = specific absorption rate

W/kg = watts per kilogram

Source: 1998 ICNIRP Guidelines for Limiting Exposure to Time-Varying electric, Magnetic, and Electromagnetic Fields (up to 300 GHz).

review of existing scientific literature related to short-term, immediate health effects (i.e., established effects). Regarding long-term effects of RFE exposure, ICNIRP concluded that available data are insufficient to provide a basis for setting exposure restrictions, although epidemiological research has provided suggestive, but unconvincing, evidence of an association between carcinogenic effects and long-term, low-level RFE exposures.

Table C-13. Basic Restrictions for Power Density (10 GHz to 300 GHz)

Exposure Characteristics	Power Density (W/m²)	
Occupational Exposure	50	
General Public	10	

Notes: (a) Power densities are to be averaged over any 20 cm² of exposed area and any 68/f1.05-minute period (where f is in GHz) to compensate for progressively shorter penetration depth as the frequency increases.

(b) Spatial maximum power densities, averaged over 1 cm² should not exceed 20 times the values above.

GHz = gigahertz

W/m² = watts per square meter

Source: 1998 ICNIRP Guidelines for Limiting Exposure to Time-Varying electric, Magnetic, and Electromagnetic Fields (up to 300 GHz)

Although the ICNIRP reviewed biological effects and epidemiological studies from a multitude of frequencies, the frequency range between 100 kHz and 300 GHz will be discussed here because of its relevance to PAVE PAWS. A discussion of biological effects associated with all frequencies evaluated for the purpose of the ICNIRP RFE exposure limits can be found in the 1998 ICNIRP Guidelines for Limiting Exposure to Time-Varying Electric, Magnetic, and Electromagnetic Fields (up to 300 GHz).

In their summary of the biological effects for frequencies between 100 kHz and 300 GHz, ICNIRP pointed toward the available experimental evidence that indicates that exposure of resting humans to EM fields for approximately 30 minutes resulting in a whole-body SAR between 1 and 4 W/kg yields a body temperature increase of less than 1°C. These data form the basis for an occupational exposure restriction of 0.4 W/kg, which provides a margin of safety for other limiting conditions, such as high ambient temperature, humidity, or level of physical activity.

C.4.1 ICNIRP Exposure Limit Safety Factors

There is insufficient information on the biological and health effects of EM fields (e.g., RFE) exposure of human populations and experimental animals to provide a rigorous basis for establishing safety factors over the whole frequency range and for all frequency modulations. Further, some of the uncertainty regarding the appropriate safety factor derives from a lack of knowledge regarding the appropriate dose metric (Repacholi, 1998). The following general variables were considered by ICNIRP in the development of safety factors for high-frequency fields.

- Effects of exposure to EM fields under severe environmental conditions (e.g., high temperature, high humidity) and/or high-activity levels
- The potentially higher thermal sensitivity in certain population groups, such as the elderly, infants and young children, and people with diseases or taking medications, that compromise thermal tolerance.

Based on the available scientific data that indicate an SAR of 4 W/kg is the threshold for the occurrence of harmful biological effects, ICNIRP has established a whole-body average SAR of 0.4 W/kg as the restriction that provides adequate protection for occupational exposures. Thus, the ICNIRP has incorporated a safety factor of 10 into the whole-body average SAR restriction. This is consistent with the whole-body SAR safety factor for occupational exposures adopted by other regulatory/standard-making organizations (i.e., IEEE and the FCC). For the general public, an additional safety factor of 5 was introduced, giving an average whole-body SAR restriction of 0.08 W/kg, again consistent with the whole-body SAR safety factor for general public exposures regulatory/standard-making organizations (i.e., IEEE and the FCC). The lower restriction for the whole-body SAR exposure for the general public takes into account the likelihood that the age and health status (e.g., infants, elderly) of the general population may differ from those of workers exposed to RFE occupationally.

The ICNIRP incorporated specific safety factors into the derivation of the reference levels for exposure of the general public by using various factors over the entire frequency range. These factors have been chosen on the basis of effects that are recognized as specific and relevant for the various frequency ranges. Generally speaking, the factors follow the basic restrictions over the entire frequency range. The safety factors for specific frequencies include the following:

- In the frequency range up to 1 kHz, the general public reference levels for |E|-fields are one-half of the values established for occupational exposures. This value was chosen to prevent adverse indirect effects for more than 90 percent of exposed individuals.
- In the low-frequency range up to 100 kHz, the general public reference levels for |H|-fields are set at a factor of 5 below the values set for occupational exposures.
- In the frequency range of 100 kHz to 10 MHz, the general public reference levels for |H|-fields have been increased compared with the limits given in the 1988 IRPA guideline. The 1988 IRPA guideline exposure limits were considered too conservative, because the |H|-field at frequencies below 10 MHz do not contribute significantly to the risk of shocks, burns, or surface charge effects that form the basis for limiting occupational exposure to |E|-fields in that frequency range.
- In the high-frequency range (10 MHz to 10 GHz), the general public reference levels for |E|- and |H|-fields are lower by a factor of 2.2 than those set for occupational exposure. The factor of 2.2 corresponds to the square root of 5, which is the safety factor between the basic restrictions for occupational exposure and those set for general public exposures. The square root is used to relate the quantities field strength and power density the whole-body SAR safety factor for general public exposures.
- In the high-frequency range 10 GHz to 300 GHz, the general public reference levels are defined by the power density, as in the basic restrictions, and are lower by a factor of 5 than the occupational exposure restrictions.
- For frequencies between ~0.3 GHz and several GHz and for localized exposure of the head, in order
 to limit or avoid auditory effects, the specific absorption from pulses must be limited (this concept is
 described in greater detail within the 1998 ICNIRP guidelines).

In Tables C-10 and C-11, different frequency break points occur for occupational- and general public-derived reference levels. This is a consequence of the varying factors used to derive the general public reference levels, while generally keeping the frequency dependence the same for both occupational and general public levels.

C.4.2 Restricted Access and Warning Signs

Although the ICNIRP does not specifically address these topics, they do provide recommended procedures relating to protective measures for occupational and general public exposure groups. ICNIRP states, "Protective measures must be implemented when exposure in the workplace results in the basic restrictions being exceeded." Protective measure recommendations include engineering controls (e.g., good safety design, interlocks, or similar measures); administrative controls (e.g., audible/visual warnings); and personal protective equipment (PPE) (e.g., protective clothing). PPE should be implemented as the last resort to ensure worker protection. With the exception of PPE, the same measures can be applied to the general public whenever there is a possibility that the general public reference levels might be exceeded. It is also essential to establish and implement rules that will prevent:

Interference with medical electronic equipment and devices (including cardiac pacemakers)

- Detonation of electroexplosive devices (EEDs)
- Fires and explosions resulting from ignition of flammable materials by sparks caused by induced fields, contact currents, or spark discharges.

C.4.3 Summary

The development of international EM field standards requires a critical in-depth evaluation of the established scientific literature. The ICNIRP is the independent, non-governmental, scientific organization, comprising all essential scientific disciplines, which is qualified to assess health effects of exposure to EM fields and RFE. Based on this assessment, the ICNIRP has developed health-based exposure guidelines, free from vested interest. The ICNIRP guidelines can be accessed at http://www.icirp.de.

Various differences exist between the ICNIRP and IEEE RFE exposure guidelines/limits; for example:

- Each organization uses a different range of frequencies for establishing exposure limits
- Each organization uses different averaging times for frequencies greater than 10 GHz
- Each organization uses slightly different safety factors, including the basis for those safety factors
- ICNIRP establishes limits on magnetic flux density, whereas IEEE does not
- ICNIRP establishes restrictions to address the auditory effect, whereas IEEE does not
- At 420 MHz, the ICNIRP general public reference level of 0.21 mW/cm² is slightly lower than IEEE uncontrolled environment exposure limit of 0.28 mW/cm².

Although the specific exposure limits may differ, both organizations agree that the dosimetric limits or whole-body average SARs of 0.4 and 0.08 W/kg for occupational and general public exposures, respectively, are well-founded scientifically and provide conservative protection factors to both groups.

C.5 THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON RADIATION PROTECTION AND MEASUREMENTS

The NCRP has been active in the areas of radiation protection and measurements since its inception as The Advisory Committee on X-Ray and Radium Protection in 1929. It was originally established to represent all of the national radiological organizations in the United States on a collective, scientific basis and to serve, in essence, as the United States national analog of the International X-Ray and Radium Protection Committee which was created in July 1928 under the auspices of the 2nd International Congress of Radiology and, subsequently, evolved into the International Commission on Radiological Protection. The NCRP originally operated as an informal association of scientists seeking to make available information and recommendations on radiation protection and measurements.

With the vast increase in the use of radiation that took place in the 1940s and 1950s, the NCRP's program expanded significantly to meet the new needs and, subsequently, it was recognized that continuation of the informal mode of operation was inappropriate. As a result, the NCRP was reorganized and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1964 as the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements.

The recommendations promulgated by the NCRP provide the scientific basis for radiation protection efforts throughout the country. Governmental organizations including the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the Public Health Service, the U.S. EPA, and state governments utilize the NCRP's recommendations as the scientific basis of their radiation protection activities.

In 1982, ANSI promulgated a new revision to the 1966 exposure limits that incorporated recognition of substantial frequency-dependent variations in rates of energy transfer to the human body from an RF field. NCRP Report No. 86 adopts the 1982 ANSI exposure limits, with minor differences. NCRP Report No. 67, Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields: Properties, Quantities and Units, Biophysical Interaction and Measurements, 1981, was used in the basis for the development of the 1982 ANSI standard. The specific exposure limits are shown in Table C-14.

Table C-14. 1982 ANSI Radiofrequency Exposure Limits^(a)

Frequency Range	Equivalent Power Density ^(b)	(Electric Field) ²	(Magnetic Field) ²	
(MHz)	(mW/cm²)	(V^2/m^2)	(A^2/m^2)	
0.3-3	100	4×10^{5}	2.5	
3-30	900/f²	$4 \times 10^3 (900/f^2)$	0.025 (900/f ²)	
30-300	1	4×10^{3}	0.025	
300-1500	f/300	4×10^3 (f/300)	0.025 (f/300)	
1500-100,000	5	2×10^4	0.125	

Notes: (a) Measured equal to or greater than 5 cm from any object in the field and averaged for any 6 minute period.

(b) (Electric Field) $^2/1200\pi$ or 12π (Magnetic Field) 2 , whichever is greater.

A²/m² = amperes squared per meter squared ANSI = American National Standards Institute

f = frequency MHz = megahertz

 mW/cm^2 = milliwatts per square centimeter V^2/m^2 = volts squared per meter squared

NCRP indicated that because of the multiplicity of interacting factors, exposure criteria must be established in a manner such that allowance is made for maximal amplification of biological effects as a result of field-object interactions. Furthermore, the criteria should take into account possible effects rising from unusual circumstances in either the external environment of the individual (e.g., ambient temperature and humidity) or the internal environment of the individual (e.g., hyperthermia, debility, and disease). The approach used by ANSI in establishing exposure criteria focused on the frequency dependence of the SAR, with particular emphasis on examination of the domain of resonant frequencies of human beings (i.e., 30-300 MHz) from small infants to large adults. According to NCRP, behavioral disruption appears to be the most statistically significant endpoint that occurs at the lowest observed SARs. In spite of marked differences of field parameters within the reviewed scientific studies, thresholds of behavioral impairment were found within a relatively narrow range of whole-body average SARs ranging from ~3 to ~9 W/kg. In contrast, the corresponding range of power densities was 8 to 140 mW/cm². Regarding the SAR limit, the 1982 ANSI standard specified a whole-body average SAR limit of 4 W/kg, and incorporated a safety factor of 10 into the limit resulting in a whole-body average SAR limit of 0.4 W/kg. The fundamental criterion of a whole-body average SAR of 0.4 W/kg averaged over any 6-min exposure period, arrived at by the NCRP in NCRP Report No. 86, did not differ from that chosen by ANSI. This value is proposed as a limit only for occupationally exposed individuals and, in contrast to ANSI, NCRP proposed lower limits of averaged exposure for members of the general public.

The reasons for a two-fold set of criteria presented by NCRP included:

- Individuals exposed in the workplace should be relatively well informed of the potential hazards
 associated with their occupation. Furthermore, these workers may have the opportunity to make
 personal decisions regarding their exposure, based on the relative risk as they perceive it.
- The population at large contains sub-populations of debilitated or otherwise potentially vulnerable individuals for whom there is inadequate knowledge to set firm exposure standards.
- The general population is much larger than the occupational population; therefore, the proportionate number of persons susceptible to potential harm can be greater unless exposure of the general population is lower.

Therefore, the NCRP recommends that there be an averaged exposure criterion for the general public that is set at a level equal to that of occupationally exposed individuals. Therefore, the whole-body averaged SAR for the general public for continuous exposure should not exceed 0.08 W/kg. The rationale for the reduction by a factor of 5 is based on the exposure periods of the two populations, rounded off to one digit (40 hours per week/168 hours per week [7 days x 24 hours/day] - \sim 0.2). For exposure of the general population, an averaging period of 30-min is recommended. The 30-min averaging period is responsive to some circumstances for the public at large, including transient passage by the individual past high-powered RF sources and brief exposure to civilian telecommunication systems.

The NCRP has established a committee to evaluate new and recent data relating to the biological effects of RF exposure, and evaluate the scientific validity of the existing NCRP exposure limits.

C.6 OTHER STANDARD-MAKING ORGANIZATIONS/FEDERAL AGENCIES

In addition to the regulatory agencies and standard-making organizations previously identified, other federal agencies have put forth RFE exposure limits, promulgated regulatory exposure limits for RFE, or presented papers/organized proceedings related to RFE exposure. These agencies/organizations include:

- American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH)
- OSHA
- FDA
- Department of Defense (DOD)
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- Foreign Countries (International Community)
- States (Massachusetts).

C.6.1 American Conference of Governmental industrial Hygienists

The ACGIH is an organization devoted to the administrative and technical aspects of occupational and environmental health. ACGIH is a professional society, not a governmental organization, which has established occupational exposure limits for multiple hazards, including RFE. In establishing occupational exposure limits, ACGIH has adopted the IEEE C95.1-1991 controlled environment MPEs (i.e., for occupational exposures). The 2000 Threshold Limit Values (TLVs) for Chemical Substances and Physical Agents, and Biological Exposure Indices (BEIs) Booklet does not cite the adoption of the ANSI/IEEE C95.1, 1999 Edition; however, future editions of the TLV Booklet may adopt the revised standard. ACGIH does not address the issue of uncontrolled environments or general population exposure to RFE.

C.6.2 Occupational Safety and Health Administration

OSHA promulgated an RFE exposure standard, 29 CFR Part 1910.97, in 1966, which limited workers' RFE exposure to 10 mW/cm². The 1966 standard was ruled unenforceable by the courts because its language was not mandatory (it used the word *should* and not *shall*). OSHA has not replaced this regulation with updated versions. OSHA has agreed that use of updated ANSI/IEEE C95.1 standards, including that for warning symbols, is generally acceptable in a responsible RF safety program in the workplace. By its nature, OSHA is committed to the establishment of exposure limits for occupational purposes, not exposure limits for the general population. OSHA regulations can be accessed at http://www.osha.gov.

C.6.3 Federai Drug Administration

FDA has had a key role in the development of regulatory guidance related to RFE starting with the passage of the Radiation Control for Health and Safety Act of 1968. The performance standard for microwave ovens, which was developed by FDA, has long since become universally adopted throughout the world (5 mW/cm² at 5 cm distance from the unit). The FDA has also contributed to the work, at the committee level, of the ANSI/IEEE C95.1 standard. Recently, FDA has emphasized the need for new measures to control hazardous RF interference (RFI), especially when medical devices are involved. Figure C-5 illustrates the overlap of FDA enforcement authorities for radiation-emitting products.

C.6.4 Department of Defense

DOD has established standards regulating the use of RFE-emitting equipment and personnel exposure to RFE. The primary regulation governing DOD operations is Department of Defense Instruction (DODI) 6055.11, *Protection of DOD Personnel from Exposure to Radiofrequency Radiation and Military Exempt Lasers*, which incorporates the ANSI/IEEE C95.1-1991 standard. In addition to this standard, several of the individual branches of DOD (e.g., Air Force, Army, and Navy) have established regulations and standards governing exposure to RFE. The U.S. Air Force recently updated their previous RFE exposure standard designated Air Force Occupational Safety and Health Standard (AFOSH) 48-9, *Radio Frequency Radiation (RFR) Safety Program*, which incorporated the ANSI/IEEE C95.1-1991 standard. The U.S. Navy's Occupational Safety and Health Program, OPNAVINST 5100.19D provides guidance on RFE exposure and has incorporated the ANSI/IEEE C95.1-1991 standard into its own regulation. The U.S. Army's regulation, Army Regulation (AR) 40-1, *Health Hazard Assessments*, provides guidance on the assessment of health hazards including RFE exposure. AR 40-1 has incorporated the ANSI/IEEE C95.1-1991 standard.

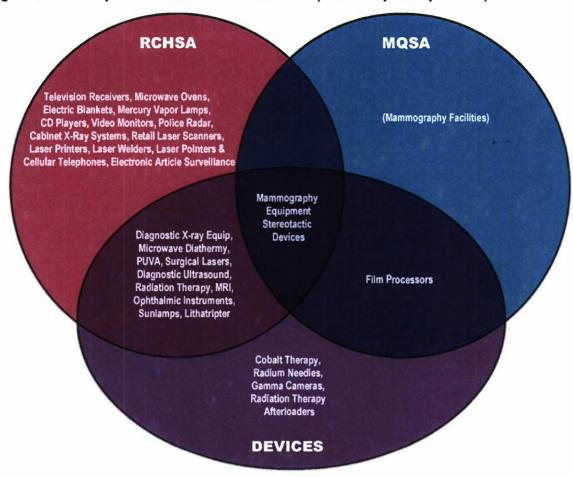


Figure C-5. Overlap of FDA Enforcement Authorities (with examples of products)

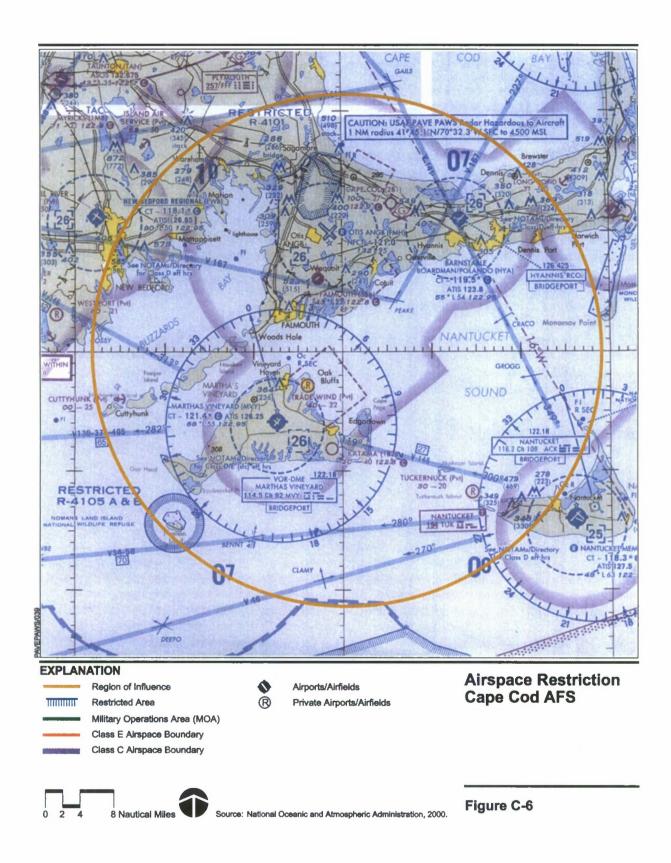
Note: Not all of the devices listed above are RF/microwave energy emitters.

RCHSA = Radiation Control for Health and Safety Act of 1968 MQSA = Mammography Quality Standards Act of 1992

Devices = Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, Chapter 5, Medical Devices

C.6.4.1 Restricted Airspace near Cape Cod AFS

Airspace restrictions have been identified near Cape Cod AFS, as designated by DOD and FAA, not to prevent occupational or inadvertent RFE exposure to military or civilian aircraft operators, respectively, but to prevent the inadvertent explosion of EEDs (i.e., weapon systems, ejection system rockets, or countermeasures) that maybe present on military aircraft (Figure C-6). EEDs are initiated electrically; therefore, stray EM energy (of which RF/microwave are forms of EM energy) could cause the accidental firing of these EEDs. Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 91-201, *Explosives Safety Standards* has established U.S. Air Force guidance related to EM energy exposure to EEDs.



C.6.5 Federai Aviation Administration

The FAA had adopted the most current RF/microwave energy exposure criteria published by the ACGIH and ANSI/IEEE C95.1-1991, as of the publication date of their internal radiation program in the FAA Occupational Safety and Health Program, *Order 3900.19B, Chapter 14*. In its adoption of ANSI/IEEE C95.1-1991, the FAA incorporated the distinction between controlled and uncontrolled exposure environments. The only difference is that the FAA has established the ANSI/IEEE C95.1-1991 uncontrolled environment exposure standards as "action levels", not as ceiling limits for exposure, for implementing the specific guidance in FAA *Order 3900.19B, Chapter 14*. In addition, the FAA established interim measures in 1997, prior to the update of FAA *Order 3910.3A*, in which RFE measurements would be quantified in existing/proposed sites for child care centers in the vicinity of FAA radar and communications facilities. This feature of FAA *Order 3910.3A* was devised solely by the FAA, not in response to regulatory requirements. The acceptance of the FAA radiation safety program by OSHA is documented in Figure C-7.

C.6.6 Foreign Countries (international Community)

RFE exposure standards from different countries have been as diverse as the countries themselves. The WHO generated a compendium of RFE exposure standards from nine countries (some of which no longer exist, principally the USSR and Eastern European countries) in 1981, in *Environmental Health Criteria 16:* Radiofrequency and Microwaves. These included:

- Australia (0.57 mW/cm² @ 420 MHz)
- Bulgana (0.01 mW/cm²)
- Canada (1 mW/cm²)
- Czechoslovakia (0.001 mW/cm²)
- East Germany (1,000 mW/cm²)
- Poland (100 mW/cm²)
- Sweden (1 mW/cm²)
- United States (0.28 mW/cm² @ 420 MHz)
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (0.005 mW/cm²).

Many of these countries used different rationales and included differing safety factors into their exposure standards, so no direct comparison is possible. Although several countries had very conservative exposure limits, these limits were possibly intended for political propaganda purposes (Eastern Block countries and Union of Soviet Socialists Republic) or based on different viewpoints and rationales. Several articles have been written recently regarding the very conservative exposure limits promulgated by the USSR and other Eastern Block countries, and their origins. As Yost (1992) has explained, differences between exposure limits "may be largely due to different viewpoints used in setting standards. In Russia, exposure limits tend to be set below the level at which any observable biological effect is found; in the U.S., exposure limits typically are set below the level of any harmful biological effects [within a margin of safety]." In addition, it should be noted that the guidelines in Russia were intended to apply only in nonmilitary situations (McRee, 1979). It has been postulated that "the Soviets, in practice allowed exposure above their guidelines, since they knew that it was not seriously hazardous" (Sliney and Cuellar, 1992). Furthermore, very recently, these guidelines were relaxed enormously. (Other aspects of invalid comparisons between Soviet and U.S. standards have been discussed by Osepchuk [1987].)

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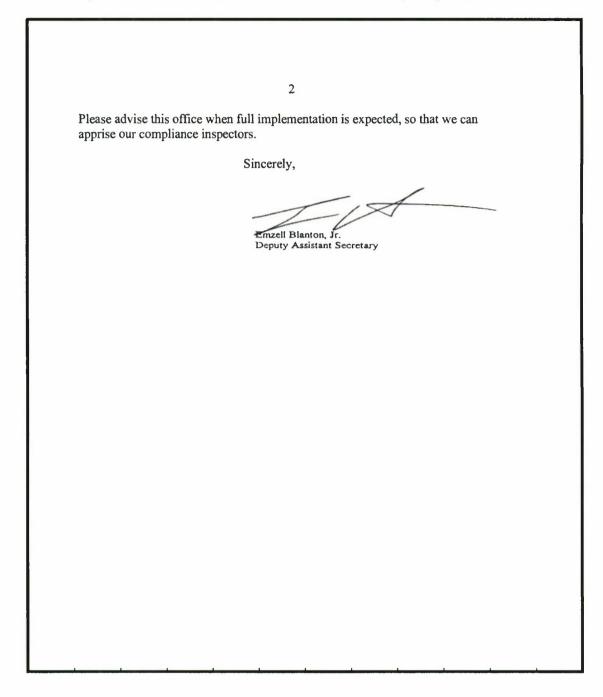
Dear Ms. Spillenkothen:

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has reviewed your document entitled Chapter 28; Radiation Safety Program," and believes that when implemented this doc-ument will provide equal or greater protection than 29 CFR 1910.97. Thus OSHA agrees that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) may use this standard in place of 29 CFR 1910.97 to regulate occupational exposure to radiation.

The exposure limits selected by FAA are well recognized and supported by the safety and health community as well as OSHA by reference (e.g. ACGIHTLV's and ANSI). Although more restrictive than the OSHA standards, complying with the selected consensus standards is feasible and will provide a more protective workplace. The selection of the more restrictive public exposure limits from the current ANSI C95.1 standard as an "action level" which determines when an RF Safety Program is necessary is particularly useful. Most importantly, the adoption of the most recently published ACGIHTLV's will ensure that the FAA program is not locked into outdated standards, in that limits are automatically updated with each update to the TLV's. Of course, full implementation of this program is key to providing the worker protection

Accordingly, the FAA is permitted by 29 CFR 1960.16 to prescribe and enforce more stringent permissible exposure levels or threshold limit values and may require more frequent monitoring of exposures without recourse to the approval procedures for alternate standards described in 29 CFR 1960.17. OSHA believes that the radiation program proposed by the FAA is more protective than the 1910 standard and agrees that FAA should adopt this as its radiation standard. Additionally OSHA will use this proposed standard to determine worker exposure to radiation and will not measure compliance against 29 CFR 1910.97.

Figure C-7. OSHA Acceptance of FAA Radiation Safety Program, continued



Many of the exposure limits are for the general population, although the averaging times differ significantly ranging from 30 minutes to unlimited (24 hours). Also, many of the exposure limits account for both continuous wave (CW) and pulsed energy waveforms, whereas the IEEE C95.1-1991 limits are not specific for either CW or pulsed waveforms.

C.6.7 State Regulatory Agencies (Massachusetts)

The regulations governing RF/microwave energy exposure in the State of Massachusetts are listed under the Department of Public Health or in Part 105, Section 122.000 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) (105 CMR Section 122.000). 105 CMR Section 122.000 parallels the FCC and ANSI/IEEE C95.1-1982 standards, with marginal differences in definitions. Table C-15 lists the occupational RF exposure limits for employees, as shown in 105 CMR Section 122.100, and Table C-16 lists the non-occupational RF exposure limits for the general public, as shown in 105 CMR Section 122.015.

Table C-15. Massachusetts Occupational RF Exposure Limits

	[Fautivalent Dlane Mayo
			Equivalent Plane Wave,
			Free Space Power
	Ē ²-field Strength	Ħ 2-field Strength	Density
Frequency Range	(V/m) ²	$(A/m)^2$	(mW/cm ²) ^(a)
10 kHz – 3 MHz	400,000	2.5	100
3 MHz – 30 MHz	4,000 (900/f ²)	0.025 (900/f ²)	900/f ²
30 MHz – 300 MHz	4,000	0.025	1.0
300 MHz - 1500 MHz	4,000 (f/300)	0.025 (f/300)	f/300
1500 MHz - 100 GHz	20,000	0.125	5

Note: (a) Power density measurements are averaged over any 6 minute period.

A/m² = amperes per square meter

E = electric field

f = frequency in megahertz

GHz = gigahertz H = magnetic field kHz = kilohertz MHz = megahertz

mW/cm² = milliwatts per square centimeter

V/m² = volts per square meter

Table C-16. Massachusetts Non-Occupational RF Exposure Limits for the General Public

			Equivalent Plane Wave,
	Ē ²-field Strength	Ħ ²-field Strength	Free Space Power
Frequency Range	(V/m) ²	$(A/m)^2$	Density (mW/cm ²) ^(a)
300 kHz – 3 MHz	80,000	0.5	20.0
3 MHz – 30 MHz	800 (900/f ²)	0.005 (900/f ²)	180/f ²
30 MHz – 300 MHz	800	0.005	0.2
300 MHz - 1500 MHz	800 (f/300)	0.005 (f/300)	f/1500
1500 MHz – 100 GHz	4,000	0.025	1.0

Note: (a) Power density measurements are averaged over any 30-minute period.

A/m² = amperes per square meter

E = electric field

f = frequency in megahertz

GHz = gigahertz H = magnetic field kHz = kilohertz MHz = megahertz

mW/cm² = milliwatts per square centimeter

V/m² = volts per square meter

105 CMR Section 122.000 exposure limits (both occupational and non-occupational) do not address the low frequency ranges that ANSI/IEEE C95.1-1991 does; therefore, induced currents within the body may not be factored into the establishment of limits as in ANSI/IEEE C95.1-1999. The regulation also states the use of warning signs in accordance with ANSI/IEEEC9122.12-1982, or subsequent revisions (i.e., ANSI/IEEE C95.2-1999).

C.6.8 The Precautionary Principle

The precautionary principle was first introduced in 1984 at the First International Conference on Protection of the North Sea. Following this conference, the principle was integrated into several international conventions and agreements including the Maastricht Treaty, the Barcelona Convention, and the Global Climate Change Convention. It has been implicitly incorporated into several U.S. environmental laws such as the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990. The precautionary principal is a concept of taking anticipatory action in the absence of complete proof of harm, particularly when there is scientific uncertainty. The principal states that action should be taken to prevent environmental damage when evidence from several studies combined, indicates actual or potential environmental harm (Tickner, 1997).

The precautionary principle asserts that decision-makers should act in advance of scientific certainty to prevent harm to humans and the environment. It is a concept to address limitations of current decision-making methods such as problems of cumulative effects and limitations of science. However, this concept provides few guidelines for policy makers, and fails to constitute an analytical framework for implementation. Although several frameworks for integrating the principal into environmental decision making have been proposed, no comprehensive, systematic structure for precautionary decision-making has been applied on a national or international level (Tickner, 1997).

With regard to RFE, scientific committees have concluded that the threshold for potential adverse biological effects occurs at exposures greater than 4 W/kg. Thresholds for workers with potential RFE exposure are set with a safety factor of 10, thus, 0.4 W/kg is used as a limit for workers around RFE. A safety factor of 50 is applied for individuals in public locations as an extra measure of safety; thus, limiting public RFE exposure to 0.08 W/kg. These safety limits for worker and public exposure to RFE are used in RFE standards adopted throughout the world including the United States, Europe, Japan, Australia, and Canada.

Establishing the more conservative safety limits do not arise from a fundamental change in the RFE safety criteria, but from a precautionary desire to protect specific groups of the general population (i.e., workers around RFE and general population) who may be at more risk. Complying with these accepted RFE safety standards constitutes compliance with the concepts of the precautionary principal.

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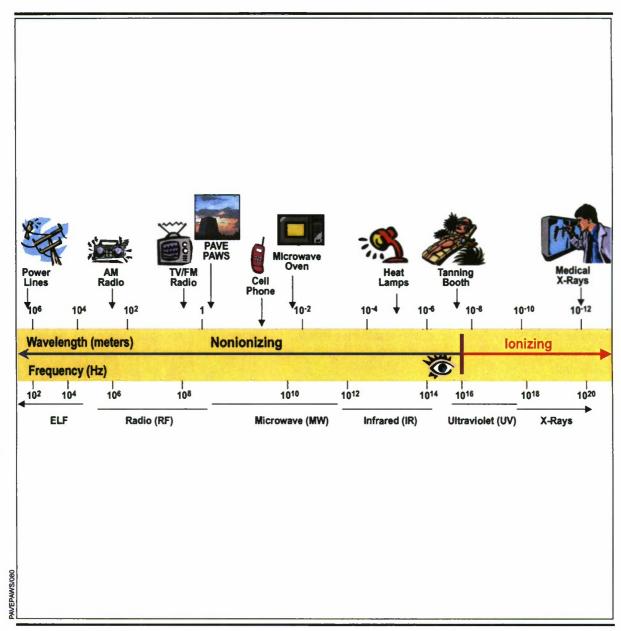
The electromagnetic (EM) spectrum refers to the many different types of radiation ranging from radio waves to gamma rays. The EM spectrum permeates the entire planet, either from naturally occurring EM sources, or from man-made EM sources. The types of EM radiation are classified according to their wavelengths/frequencies and the amount of energy they carry. An illustration of the EM spectrum and associated man-made sources of EM is shown in Figure D-1.

Figure D-2 represents the significant difference in wavelengths and, thus, energy levels from one end of the EM spectrum to another. Gamma rays have wavelengths on the order of millions of times shorter than those of visible light and radio waves have wavelengths billions of times longer than those of visible light. The shorter the wavelength or higher the frequency of the radiation, the higher the energy. Thus, several feet of concrete or steel shielding is needed to block gamma rays because the very short wavelengths can pass between molecular bonds. Radio waves with longer wavelengths cannot pass between molecular bonds and can be easily shielded with less dense materials. Within the EM spectrum are seven types of radiation that listed below in order of lowest energy to highest energy, or longest wavelength to shortest wavelength:

- Radio waves (RF)
- Microwaves (PAVE PAWS)
- Infrared radiation
- Visible light
- Ultraviolet radiation
- X-ravs
- Gamma rays.

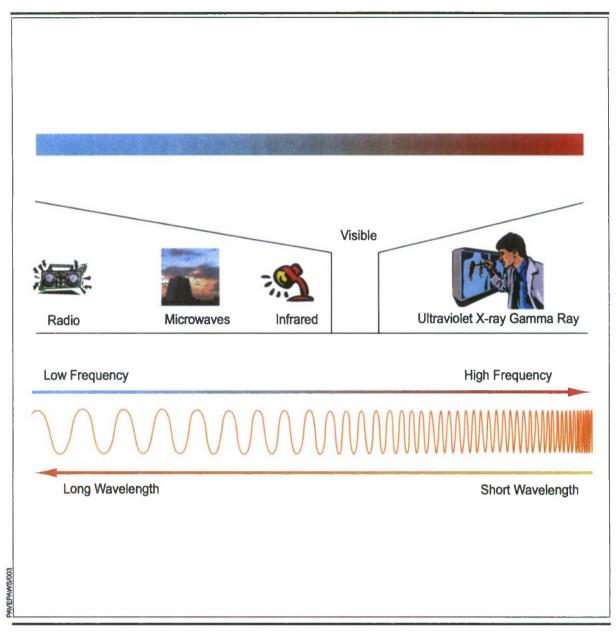
All EM radiation, except the wavelengths within the visible light spectrum, is invisible to the human eye. Some EM radiation, such as microwaves, can be sensed as a clicking sound resulting from thermoelastic expansion within the brain; infrared radiation can be sensed as heat. Of the seven listed, only X-rays and gamma rays constitute the ionizing radiation portion of the EM spectrum. These types of EM radiation have high energy levels capable of disassociating electrons from atoms or molecules, thus creating ions or charged particles. Non-ionizing radiation does not contain sufficient energy to ionize atoms or molecules.

Some organizations consider cosmic radiation, a type of ionizing radiation, to be the eighth type of radiation within the EM spectrum. This type of radiation originates in space, outside of the Earth's atmosphere, from stars, pulsars, and other luminous celestial bodies. Cosmic radiation consists of highenergy particles produced by all luminous objects within the universe. The sun, part of our solar system, is a major source of cosmic radiation that contacts the Earth's atmosphere. Secondary cosmic rays, formed by interactions in the Earth's atmosphere, account for approximately 45 to 50 millirems of the 360-millirem background radiation that an average individual receives in one year (U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 2001).



Electromagnetic Spectrum

Figure D-1



Wavelength Difference of the Electromagnetic Spectrum

Figure D-2

All EM radiation is composed of two components, an electric field and a magnetic field. These fields propagate outward from the EM source as waveform (similar to waves created by an object dropped into water) with the electric and magnetic field perpendicular (i.e., at right angles) to one another. Figure D-3 represents the waveform of EM radiation. These waves of EM radiation travel at the speed of light through a vacuum, and slightly slower speeds through more dense media (e.g., planetary atmosphere).

D.1.1 Radio Waves (Radiofrequency Radiation)

Radio waves or RF radiation is generally categorized as the lowest energy radiation within the EM spectrum. Some organizations designate separate subgroups within the RF category (e.g., Extremely Low Frequency [ELF] radio waves). Radio waves/RF radiation is characterized by:

- Long wavelengths (less than a centimeter [cm] to hundreds of meters)
- Low energy.

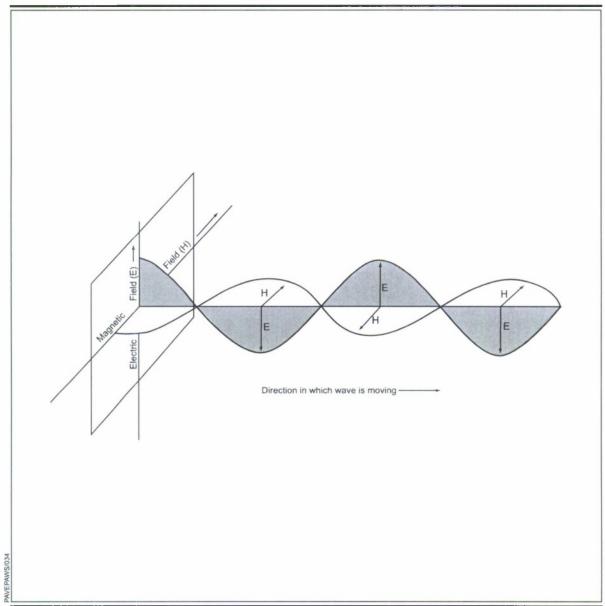
A Frequency Modulation (FM) radio station, at 100 on the radio dial, has a wavelength of about three meters; whereas an Amplitude Modulation (AM) radio station, at 750 on the radio dial, has a wavelength of about 400 meters. As indicated above, the shorter the wavelength or higher the frequency of the radiation, the higher the energy. Radio waves, with the longest wavelengths and lowest frequencies within the EM spectrum (see Figure D-2), have the lowest energy.

Radio waves, or RF, radiation falls within the category of non-ionizing radiation because it does not have the necessary energy to disassociate electrons from atoms or molecules. Radio waves are naturally produced on Earth and by celestial bodies/phenomena within the universe, including the sun.

Earth is constantly inundated with radio waves (RF radiation) from the sun and other natural objects in space. As the sun is a celestial source of RF radiation, other sources, such as the Earth itself and manmade sources of radio waves (RF radiation) collectively permeate everyday life. Although many manmade sources of RF radiation are the result of AM/FM radio transmissions, television transmissions, and radar operations, many more sources of man-made RF radiation exist within our homes, cars, and work places. Examples of these man-made sources of radio waves (RF radiation) and their respective frequencies are:

- Video Display Units (VDUs) (15-35 kilohertz [kHz])
- Garage door openers and alarm systems (~40 megahertz [MHz])
- Standard cordless phones (~40-50 MHz)
- Baby monitors (~49 MHz)
- Radio-controlled toy airplanes (~72 MHz)
- Radio-controlled toy cars (~75 MHz)
- Industrial equipment (RF sealers) (<100 MHz)
- Medical diathermy (<100 MHz)
- FM radio transmitters (88-108 MHz)
- Television (channels 7 to 13) transmitters (174-216 MHz).

The frequencies within the radio wave (RF radiation) range of the EM spectrum that present the most danger to human beings are those between 30 and 300 MHz. The celestial contribution of radio waves within this frequency range equals approximately 10 picowatts (pW)/square cm (cm²) (World Health Organization, 1981). The reason this frequency range presents the highest degree of danger is that this frequency range represents the resonant-frequency domain for human beings from smallest child to tallest man, under both grounded and ungrounded conditions. This means that the human body absorbs the highest amount of RFE at these frequencies.



EXPLANATION

Radiofrequency/microwave energy is made up of an electric field (E) and a magnetic field (H). The fields are perpendicular to one another. These fields expand in a wave-like pattern as the energy propagates outward from its point-of-origin.

Electromagnetic Monochromatic Wave

Source: World Health Organization, 1981.

Figure D-3

D.1.2 Microwaves

Microwaves occupy the spectral region of the EM spectrum between radio waves and infrared radiation (see Figure D-1). Microwave radiation is often considered a subset of radio waves, although an alternative convention treats microwaves and radio waves as two spectral regions. The wavelengths of microwaves generally range from approximately 1 millimeter (the thickness of a pencil) to approximately 30 cm or 12 inches (see Figure D-2).

Microwaves fall into the category of non-ionizing radiation because they do not have sufficient energy to disassociate electrons from atoms or molecules. Microwaves are naturally produced here on Earth and by celestial bodies/phenomena within the universe. In 1965, two radio astronomers discovered the cosmic microwave background radiation, a diffuse radiation that emanates uniformly from all directions in the sky. The scientific consensus believes the cosmic microwave background radiation is the cooled remnant of the "Big Bang," or theorized creation of the universe.

As the universe itself is a source of microwave radiation, other sources such as man-made sources permeate everyday life. Even though many of the man-made sources of microwaves are represented by radars (e.g., Doppler/NEXRAD meteorological radars and air traffic control radars), other sources such as satellite communication systems (SATCOM) and wireless communications also operate in the microwave frequencies. In addition to these sources, a common household appliance, the microwave oven, operates in the microwave frequencies. Also, many police radars used to determine a vehicle's speed operate in the microwave frequencies. The PAVE PAWS radar system operates within the microwave frequency range of 420-450 MHz. Examples of man-made sources of microwaves and their respective frequencies are:

- PAVE PAWS (420-450 MHz)
- Taxi/industry/transport communications services (452.05-452.5 MHz)
- Ambulance/hospital radio communication services (467.95-468.175 MHz)
- Microwave ovens (2,450 MHz)
- Cellular telephones (~824-849 MHz)
- Aircraft telephones (894-896 MHz)
- New 900-MHz cordless phones (900 MHz)
- Digital audio broadcasts (1,435-1,524 MHz)
- Global Positioning Systems (GPS) (1,227 and 1,575 MHz)
- Personal communication systems (PCS) (1,755-2,290 MHz).

The primary hazard associated with microwaves is the heating of tissue, which can cause, other problems or bioeffects throughout the body. As in a microwave oven, microwaves heat tissue at the molecular level resulting in the heating of water within the system. The amount of microwave energy, which tissue has absorbed, and the penetration depth of the microwaves determine the degree of heating. Microwaves penetrate to different depths at different frequencies. For example, at 2,450 MHz, microwaves penetrate in muscle to a depth of 1.67 cm and fat to a depth of 8.1 cm (Cember, 1996). With regards to biological effects, the microwave frequencies above 10 GHz have increasingly small penetration depths in human tissue, thus they are closer to the way infrared and visible light interacts with biological tissue (e.g., quasi-optical). While at the human resonance frequencies (30-300 MHz), almost all of the RFE is absorbed deeply in the body, whereas in the so-called quasi-optical portion of the microwave frequency range (10-300 GHz), penetration depth in tissue is only a few millimeters.

D.1.3 Infrared Radiation

Infrared radiation (IR) is categorized as the wavelengths between the visible light and microwave ranges of the EM spectrum (see Figure D-1). IR has shorter wavelengths (see Figure D-2) and higher energies than radio waves and microwaves. IR is frequently separated into two categories:

- Near-IR
- Far-IR.

Near- and far-IR radiation refers to the regions that lie at each end of the IR spectrum, one near the microwave spectrum and the other near the visible light spectrum. IR is characterized by heat.

Any object that has a temperature above absolute zero (0° Kelvin [K] or -459.67°F) radiates IR. Even objects one may think of as being very cold, such as an ice cube, emit IR. Another example is hot charcoal, which may not give off visible light, but emits IR that humans perceive as heat. Human beings emit IR at a wavelength of ~10 microns (or 0.0000001 meter), as do all other warm-blooded mammals. IR falls within the category of non-ionizing radiation because it does not have sufficient energy to disassociate electrons from atoms or molecules. Although IR has a higher energy level than radio or microwaves. IR is naturally produced on Earth and by celestial bodies/phenomena within the universe, including the sun.

As the sun is a celestial source of IR, other sources, such as the Earth itself and man-made sources of IR, collectively permeate everyday life. Examples of these IR sources include:

- Television/electronics remote control devices
- · Cafeteria food heat lamps
- IR lasers
- IR transfer ports on computers or calculators
- Fires
- Welding equipment.

IR is perceptible as a sensation of warmth on the skin. The increase in tissue temperature upon exposure to IR depends upon the wavelength, the total amount of energy delivered to the tissue, and the length of exposure. The far wavelength (far-IR) region of 5,000 nanometers to 0.1 cm is completely absorbed in the surface layers of the skin. The wavelengths within the IR range that present the most danger to human beings are those in the range of 750 to 1,500 nanometers (nm). This short wavelength (near-IR) region is capable of causing injuries to the cornea, iris, retina, and lens of the eye. The condition known as "glass blower's cataract," or "heat cataract," is the result of excessive exposure to IR/visible light from furnaces or similar hot bodies. This condition is an opacity of the rear surface of the lens in the eye.

D.1.4 Visible Light

Visible light consists of the wavelengths between the IR and ultraviolet ranges in the EM spectrum (see Figure D-1). Visible light has shorter wavelengths (see Figure D-2) and higher energies than radio waves, microwaves, and IR. Visible light is the part of the EM spectrum that we are able to view with the unaided eye. Visible light is the rainbow of colors, which coincide with the wavelength(s) of greatest intensity emitted by the sun. The wavelengths of visible light range from approximately 7.5 x 10^{-7} meters to 4.0 x 10^{-7} meters. Visible light is characterized by the following colors:

- Red
- Orange

- Yellow
- Green
- Blue
- Indigo
- Violet.

Visible light falls within the category of non-ionizing radiation because it does not have sufficient energy to disassociate electrons from atoms or molecules. Visible light is naturally produced on Earth and by celestial bodies/phenomena within the universe, including the sun.

As the sun and other celestial bodies/phenomena are sources of visible light, other sources such as naturally-occurring (non-celestial) man-made sources of visible light collectively permeate everyday life. Naturally-occurring (non-celestial) sources of visible light include lightning, the northern lights, and specific animals (e.g., fireflies, some deep ocean animals). Examples of man-made sources of visible light include the following:

- Incandescent light bulbs
- · Fluorescent light bulbs
- Search lights
- Laser pointers
- Welding operations.

The primary hazard associated with visible light is potential damage to the unprotected eye as a result of exposure to extremely luminous sources of visible light. Although lasers are not limited to the frequencies of visible light, the primary hazard associated with optical lasers is damage to the unprotected eye. Unlike incandescent sources of visible light that radiate their light in all directions and frequencies, lasers emit a highly concentrated and coherent beam of light in the same direction and frequency, yielding light beams of high energy and intensity. Laser light may be concentrated within the eye to a degree that causes serious damage to the retina, whereas, a light-bulb cannot produce serious harm because the energy is unfocused.

D.1.5 Ultraviolet Radiation

UV radiation is categorized as the wavelengths between the visible light and X-ray ranges of the EM spectrum (see Figure D-1). UV has shorter wavelengths (see Figure D-2) and higher energies than radio waves, microwaves, IR, and visible light. UV radiation is frequently separated into three categories, according to wavelength:

- UV-A (315-400 nm)
- UV-B (280-315 nm)
- UV-C (100-280 nm).

Most UV radiation falls within the category of non-ionizing radiation because it does not have sufficient energy to disassociate electrons from atoms. UV radiation can be characterized by the biological effect each wavelength range has on the human body:

- UV-A is the wavelength range responsible for pigmentation of the skin, also called the ("black light region")
- UV-B is the wavelength range responsible for harmful effects to the human body and can cause a sunburn

• UV-C does not reach the surface of the Earth as it is readily absorbed by the air; however, some arcwelding operations produce UV-C that can have harmful effects on the cornea within the human eye.

UV radiation is produced by celestial bodies/phenomena throughout the universe, including the sun. As previously noted, most of the UV radiation does not reach the surface of the Earth as it is absorbed in the upper atmosphere by the ozone layer. However, as the ozone layer is depleted, increasing amounts of UV radiation can reach the Earth's surface, increasing the risk to humans. Man-made sources of UV radiation are also common. Examples of man-made sources of UV radiation are:

- Black light lamps
- Tanning salon sunlamps
- Arc-welding operations
- Fluorescent light bulbs (produced internally, but shielded by the glass bulb)
- Germicidal lamps.

Even though a small amount of UV radiation is healthy and contributes to the overall health of our skin, overexposure to sunlight or an excessive dose of UV radiation can be extremely detrimental to our health. UV radiation has two primary effects, dermatological and ocular. The dermatological effects produce immediate changes in the skin such as darkening of the cellular pigment, the occurrence of a sunburn, production and migration of melanin granules, and changes in cell growth in the epidermis. Long-term effects to the skin include decreased elasticity of the skin giving the appearance of premature aging and an increase in certain types of skin cancer, specifically melanoma.

Although a small amount of UV may not produce permanent injury to the eyes, increased exposure can cause significant damage to the eyes without discomfort during exposure. The development of corneal and conjunctival irritation may result from excessive exposure of the eyes to intense sunlight, or exposure to man-made sources such as arc-welding operations. Arc-welding flashes are the most common industrial exposure to UV radiation resulting in damage to the eye called "welder's flash".

D.1.6 X-rays

X-rays are categorized as the wavelengths between the UV radiation and gamma ray range of the EM spectrum (see Figure D-1). X-rays have shorter wavelengths (see Figure D-2) and higher energies than radio waves, microwaves, IR, visible light, and UV radiation. X-rays are frequently separated into two categories:

- Soft X-rays
- Hard X-rays.

The X-rays of longer wavelengths (i.e., near the UV boundary) or soft X-rays are less penetrating and may be shielded with thin layers of steel, whereas X-rays of shorter wavelengths (i.e., near the gamma ray boundary) or hard X-rays will penetrate several cm of steel. The X-ray region generally marks the transition from non-ionizing radiation to ionizing radiation. X-rays do possess the energy necessary to disassociate electrons from atoms or molecules. As a result, X-rays can produce significant damage to cellular/biological systems. In addition, ionizing radiation can produce mutagenic/teratogenic effects in biological systems, resulting in chromosomal and DNA changes to both existing and future generations.

X-rays are naturally-produced by celestial bodies/phenomena within the universe, including the sun. Manmade sources of X-rays are also common. Examples of man-made sources of X-rays are:

- Medical X-ray units (including dental)
- X-ray units used for non-destructive inspection of industrial welds/components
- X-ray lasers
- X-ray fluorescence (XRF) device used for lead-based paint inspections
- X-ray spectrometer used in chemical analyses
- X-ray diffraction device
- Transmission electron microscope
- Scanning electron microscope.

X-ray radiation is an external radiation source meaning x-rays originate outside the nucleus of an atom and are capable of ionizing molecules from a distance outside of the body. The brief, low-intensity exposure incurred during medical diagnostic procedures does not present a significant hazard. However, the effects of ionizing radiation exposure are cumulative, so the amount of radiation exposure received (if any) is measured. Multiple exposures combine to equal a potentially hazardous dose to the human body and its physiological systems. Ionization strips electrons from atoms and breaks their chemical bonds with other atoms. A simple molecular structure, such as water, will recombine after ionization; however, this is not the case in a complicated living cell. Ionization may give many possible atomic recombinations in living cells, including the onset of cancer. The rupture of a few bonds in the elaborate structure of the molecules of a living cell may have profound effects.

D.1.7 Gamma Rays

Gamma rays are generally categorized as the highest energy radiation within the EM spectrum (see Figure D-1), although some organizations consider cosmic rays to be higher in the EM spectrum than gamma rays. Gamma rays are frequently separated into two categories:

- Soft gamma rays
- · Hard gamma rays.

Gamma rays of longer wavelength (i.e., near the X-ray boundary) or soft gamma rays are less penetrating, whereas gamma rays of shorter wavelengths (i.e., near the top of the gamma ray range) are more penetrating and energetic. With X-rays, gamma rays make up the ionizing radiation part of the EM spectrum. Gamma rays possess the necessary energy to disassociate electrons from atoms or molecules; therefore, gamma rays present a significant hazard to biological systems. As with X-rays, gamma rays can produce mutagenic/teratogenic effects in biological systems, resulting in chromosomal and DNA changes to both existing and future generations of people. Gamma rays present an external hazard, because with their short wavelength and high energy, they can easily pass through the body and cause damage to biological systems. Gamma rays are an internal source of radiation meaning they originate inside the nucleus of an atom. Gamma rays are produced during the radioactive decay or transformation of specific elements.

The decay process for ¹³⁷Cesium isotope emits a gamma ray when the intermediate isotope ^{137m}Cesium loses energy in reaching the stable ¹³⁷Barium (¹³⁷Ba) isotope. Gamma rays are produced by specific elements within the Earth and celestial bodies/phenomena within the universe, including our sun. Manmade gamma ray sources that are utilized include:

- Household smoke detectors
- Nuclear fission reactors
- Specific radiopharmaceuticals
- ²²⁶Radium-coated dials on watches and compasses (outdated practice)
- Older model fueled-lanterns (e.g., specifically the mantel).

Gamma rays have similar qualities to X-rays and thus have similar harmful effects. Unlike X-rays, whose radiation originates outside the nucleus of an atom, gamma ray radiation originates inside the nucleus of an atom and is capable of ionizing molecules from a great distance outside of the body. Also like X-rays, ionizing gamma rays produce cumulative effects in biological systems and multiple exposures combine to create a potentially hazardous dose to the human body and its biological systems. With their extremely short wavelengths, gamma rays can pass completely through the body, resulting in internal damage to biological systems.

D.2 IONIZING RADIATION AND NON-IONIZING RADIATION

All regions of the EM spectrum below X-rays are categorized as non-ionizing radiation, while X-rays and gamma rays are categorized as ionizing radiation. Definitions of these terms are as follows:

Non-ionizing radiation cannot damage biological material through ionization. However, it can cause damage through other processes (e.g., photochemical reactions, heat-buildup). Non-ionizing radiation includes ultraviolet radiation, microwaves, radio waves, and low-frequency electric and magnetic fields. The SSPARS RFE emissions are a form of non-ionizing radiation.

lonizing radiation refers to forms of radiation that can cause ionization in biological material and thus cause damage. Ionizing radiation originates from both natural sources (e.g., cosmic radiation, outer space, radon) and from man-made sources such as X-ray equipment and nuclear reactors.

A typical source of ionizing radiation is radioactive material. Naturally occurring radioactive materials such as uranium (²³⁸U), radium (²²⁶Ra), and radon (²²²Rn) exist throughout the environment. Uranium and radium are found in subsurface rocks as ore and are actively mined, while radon is a gaseous decay product of uranium and seeps up through rocks to the surface. Radon can seep into basements and other subsurface structures or foundations and present a significant exposure hazard to the public. Ionizing radiation sources are in many households in the form of small radioactive sources (e.g., ²⁴¹Americium) in smoke detectors.

The primary difference between ionizing and non-ionizing radiation is the photon energy. The photon energy produced by a gamma ray emission from a naturally occurring radioactive ore, ²³⁸U, is as high as 663 kilo-electron volts (keV) (i.e., 1 keV is 1,000 electron volt [eV]), while the photon energy of radio waves and microwaves corresponds to 4.1 x 10⁻¹⁰ eV at 100 kHz and 1.25 x 10⁻³ eV at 300 GHz. Therefore, the EM spectrum is easily differentiated by the categories of non-ionizing and ionizing radiation.

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APPENDIX E ATTENUATION OF RADIOFREQUENCY ENERGY

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E.1 NATURAL ATTENUATION

The PAVE PAWS radar is housed in a 32-meter high, three-sided building, in which two flat arrays of individual radiating elements transmit and receive radiofrequency (RF) signals generated by the radar. The two array faces are 31 meters wide and tilted back 20 degrees (°) from vertical. The active portion of the array resides in a circle 22.1 meters wide in the center of the array. Each radiating element provides 325 watts of power (U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, 2000).

The RF signals transmitted from each array face form one narrow main beam with a width of 2.2°. Approximately 90 percent of the energy is contained in the main beam. The near-field region extends to 183 meters and the far-field region begins at 439 meters, with a transition zone in between. The exclusion area at Cape Cod AFS is at approximately 1,000 feet (305 meters) from the radar. The security fence at Cape Cod AFS is situated at approximately 150 feet (46 meters) from the radar face.

Persons on the ground or in buildings or residences are not subject to RF from the main beam. This is accomplished by restricting the lowest elevation of the main beam to three degrees above horizontal. The elevation of the main beam is still substantially above ground level even when the topography of the sites surrounding the radars is taken into account. The highest elevation in the vicinity of Cape Cod AFS is the road portion of the Sagamore Bridge at 275 feet. The bridge is approximately 8,370 feet (2,582 meters) from the radar (U.S. Air Force, 1979). At this location, the center of the main beam would be 149 meters above the ground, and the bottom of the beam width would be 101 meters above the ground. Software programming and redundant automatic interlocks combine to provide a triple-redundant system. Therefore, a simultaneous failure of three systems would be required to direct the beam outside the designated elevation.

The radar emits smaller amounts of energy outside the main beam, referred to as side lobes. The first side lobe is a concentric circle around the main beam, while the second and higher side lobes are narrow beams around the main beam. Energy contained in these side lobes progressively decreases with distance from the main beam and from the radar. The maximum power density of the first side lobe is 1/100 (1 percent) of the maximum power density of the maximum power density of the second side lobe is only 1/1000 (0.1 percent) of the maximum power density of the main beam. Based on the radar set-up, only the side lobes intercept the ground. Additionally, the antenna beam is constantly scanning. As the beam scans away from the horizon, side lobes intersect the ground progressively farther from the main beam. Thus, side lobes with significantly lower energy intersect the ground. The result is that the vast majority of the energy emitted by the radar is directed upward, not at the ground. Furthermore, the radar is transmitting pulses only 18 percent of the time. The maximum possible use of the radar resource for combined surveillance and tracking activities is 25 percent and is the operating condition that produces the maximum possible power density.

Tables E-1 and E-2 summarize power densities in relation to distance from the PAVE PAWS site. The highest possible RF power density that could be produced at ground level in the near-field region, transition zone, and far-field region was calculated. These calculations apply to the worst-case scenario (e.g., the highest of the higher side lobe emissions, maximum power output). Calculations were based on modeling and, where available, spot measurements were used to confirm the reasonableness of the

Table E-1. Near-field and Transition Region Power Densities

Distance From Radar	Current Calculated 30-minute Average Power
(meters) ^(a)	Density (mW/cm ²) ^{(b)(c)}
30	0.6
61	0.2
122	0.06
183	0.03
305	0.01

Notes: (a) Values and calculations from Cape Cod AFS have been averaged for the purpose of this table.

- (b) Current calculations assume that both radar faces are operating with a 25 percent duty cycle. The duty cycle is divided between surveillance mode (11 percent) and track mode (14 percent).
- (c) The current calculated power densities could be compared directly to the IEEE/ANSI standard of 0.28 mW/cm² at 420 MHz.

mW/cm² = milliwatts per square centimeter

Table E-2. Far-field Ground-Level Power Densities Calculated for Specified Locations

PAVE PAWS Sites	Distance from radar (meters)	Maximum calculated 30-minute average Power Density (mW//cm²)(a)	Comparison to IEEE/ANSI Standard (0.28 mW/cm²)	Maximum Peak Power Density per Pulse (mW/cm²) ^(c)	Comparison to IEEE/ANSI Standard (6,300 mW/cm²)	Maximum Peak Power Density per 100 ms (mW/cm²) ^(c)	Comparison to IEEE/ANSI Standard (100.8 mW/cm²)
Cape Cod	439 ^(d)	0.006640	42 times lower	0.1606	39,228 times lower	0.0514	1,961 times lower
AFS	1,051 ^(b)	0.000786	356 times lower	0.0226	278,761 times lower	0.0072	14,000 times lower

The current calculations assume that both radar faces are operating with a 25 percent duty cycle. The duty cycle is

divided between surveillance mode (11 percent) and track mode (14 percent).

(b) One of the nearest locations with likely opportunity for public exposure.

- (c) The current calculations assume that the radar is operating with a maximum pulse width of 16 ms.
- (d) On station, beginning of far field exposures.

mW/cm² = milliwatts per square centimeter

calculations (U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, 2000). The results of these calculations were compared to the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE)/American National Standards Institute (ANSI) uncontrolled environment exposure limit. The standard applicable to the general public is for an "uncontrolled environment," which refers to the condition for most people who do not knowingly encounter RF fields in their work environment.

Based on the information found in Tables E-1 and E-2, the average RF power density values, in an area with potential public exposure, would be at least 42 times lower than the limit of the IEEE/ANSI standard on time-averaged power density. For distances in the far-field region, the power density falls off inversely with the square of the distance. For most public areas near these radars, the levels are lower by a factor of 100 or more. Limits specifically recommended by IEEE/ANSI for peak intensity of RF pulses would not be exceeded.

Notes: (a)

E.2 ATTENUATION OF RF FIELDS BY BUILDINGS AND RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLDS

External EM fields are attenuated (reduced) by reflections at exterior walls of buildings and by scattering and reflections inside buildings. Studies have been performed to determine the amount of attenuation of RFE provided by different types of buildings. The following results were found.

Multi-story office buildings provide an attenuation of approximately 17 decibels (dB) for radiofrequency energy (RFE) at 450 megahertz (MHz) (Smith, 1978), or a reduction factor of approximately 50. This attenuation was determined inside the building, at a distance of 15 meters from the outer wall. The attenuation would be less closer to the wall and greater farther from the wall. Attenuation is not linear; thus, it depends significantly on the interior design of the building (wall panels, partitions, ceilings, ductwork).

Commercial single-story concrete block buildings and single-family residences provide an attenuation of approximately 7 dB RFE at 450 MHz (Smith, 1978). An attenuation of 7 dB translates to a reduction factor, in power, of approximately 5. The formula for converting dB to a reduction factor (rf) is as follows:

$$rf = alog\left(\frac{a}{10}\right)$$

Where:

rf = reduction factora = attenuation, dBalog = antilogarithm, 10^(a/10)

Table E-3 shows the degree to which the power density would be reduced inside a single-family residence with an attenuation of 7 dB. Attenuation would be highly dependent on building materials and layout of the structure. It should be noted that electric and magnetic field attenuations converge at frequencies above 10 MHz. At these higher frequencies, scattering and reflection of both fields are similar (Smith, 1998).

E.2.1 Attenuation of RF Fields due to Shielding Alternatives

Shielding can provide additional attenuation of RFE emissions from the SSPARS. A barrier may be constructed in the path of the radar beam between the antenna face and the general population to absorb some of the RFE from the side lobes. The types of barriers that may be used are described below.

E.2.1.1 Attenuation of RF Fields due to Earthen Barriers.

The earth absorbs and reflects EM energy. The attenuation at 420-450 MHz is very high. Side lobe energy would be cut off or absorbed by the earthen berm and exposure would be reduced. The power that would penetrate directly through such a berm would be negligible compared to the power scattered and diffracted into the region shadowed from the radar by the berm (U.S. Air Force, 1979). Based on the concept of optical shadowing, the shielding factor available in this manner should exceed a ratio of 10:1 and might easily be as large as 100:1 (U.S. Air Force, 1979).

Table E-3. Calculated Power Densities Inside a Single-Family Residence

PAVE PAWS Site	Distance from radar (meters)	Maximum calculated 30-minute average Power Density (mW//cm²)(a)	Comparison to IEEE/ANSI Standard (0.28 mW/cm²)	Maximum calculated 30-minute average Power Density (mW/cm²)(a) with 7 dB Attenuation	Comparison to IEEE/ANSI Standard (0.28 mW/cm²)
Cape	439 ^(b)	0.006640	42 times lower	0.001328	210 times lower
Cod AFS	1,051 ^(c)	0.000786	356 times lower	0.0001572	1,780 times lower

Notes: (a) The current calculations assume that both radar faces are operating with a 25 percent duty cycle. The duty cycle is divided between surveillance mode (11 percent) and track mode (14 percent).

(b) On station, beginning of far field exposures.

(c) One of the nearest locations with tikely opportunity for public exposure.

dB = decibel

mW/cm² = milliwatts per square centimeter

Using Equation 1, the attenuation of RFE by an earthen berm or barrier can be calculated based on the dielectric constant and conductivity of the berm (i.e., soil) (Table E-4). Although these two values differ with the type/characteristics of the soil, [Cooke and Gladwin, no date] cited the moisture content of soil as a critical parameter for the permeability of ground-penetrating radar (e.g., RFE).

$$A = 3.34t \left[\mu \sigma f \right]^{1/2}$$

Equation 1

Where:

A = Attenuation, dB

t = Thickness, inches

 μ = Relative permeability to copper

 σ = Relative conductivity to copper

f = Frequency, MHz

Using Equation 1, one meter of soil would provide an attenuation of approximately 35 dB, or a reduction factor of approximately 3,160.

E.2.2.2 Attenuation of RF Fields due to Wire-Mesh Screens.

Metal screens can be used for effective RF radiation shielding. Mesh openings should be no more than 1/4 the wavelength in dimension. The screens or sheets must be electrically bonded to one another and the entire assembly grounded, otherwise fields will pass through the gaps. Table E-5 presents the attenuation of three wire screen shield alternatives.

Using the attenuation values in Table E-5, these values were applied to the existing power density measurements for the Cape Cod AFS SSPARS. The power densities would be attenuated to levels far below the applicable IEEE/ANSI exposure limit. As seen in Table E-5, screens with narrower openings provide a higher degree of attenuation than screens with larger openings.

Table E-4. Calculated Power Densities Past a 1-Meter-Thick Earthen Berm

		Maximum Calculated		Maximum Calculated 30-min avg. Power Density (mW/cm²) ^(a)	
PAVE PAWS Site	Distance from Radar (meters)	30-min avg. Power Density without Berm (mW/cm ²) ^(a)	Comparison to IEEE/ANSI Standard (0.28 mW/cm²)	Past 1-meter Thick Berm with 35-dB Attenuation	Comparison to IEEE/ANSI Standard (0.28 mW/cm²)
Cape Cod	439 ^(b)	0.006640	42 times lower	0.0000021	132,720 times lower
AFS	1,051 ^(c)	0.000786	356 times lower	0.0000002	1,124,960 times lower

Notes: (a) The current calculations assume that both radar faces are operating with a 25 percent duty cycle. The duty cycle is divided between surveillance mode (11 percent) and track mode (14 percent).

(b) On station, beginning of far field exposures.

(c) One of the nearest locations with likely opportunity for public exposure.

dB = decibel

mW/cm² = milliwatts per square centimeter

Table E-5. Attenuation Provided by the Wire Screen Alternatives

Wire Size (mil)	Size of Opening (inch)	Reduction Factor ^(a)	Attenuation (dB) ^(b)
10	0.0625	85,457.29	49.31
20	1	26.95	14.30
23	0.5	222.27	23.46

Notes: Based on a frequency of 435 MHz and a wavelength of 68.9 centimeter.

(a) (Cember, no date) Eq. 14.19.

(b) (Cember, no date) Eq. 14.48.

dB = decibel

mil = millimeter

As seen in Table E-6, an attenuation of 14.3 dB translates into a reduction factor of 27; therefore, the power densities were reduced by a factor of 27. Since the second side lobe is the primary source of ground-impacting RFE, a screen shield would predominantly affect the ground-level power densities resulting from the second side lobe. The second side lobe has a maximum power of 1/1000 the power of the main beam; therefore, with the wire screen in place, the second side lobe could potentially be reduced by a factor of 27,000 compared the main beam.

E.2.2.3 Attenuation of RF Fields due to Trees.

Trees are also effective for shielding RFE. Existing trees near the SSPARS at Cape Cod AFS undoubtedly contribute some degree of RFE shielding; however, the specific amount of shielding has not been previously investigated. The shielding effect by trees could be enhanced by the addition of suitable trees at appropriate locations (U.S. Air Force, 1979). Different trees may provide differing degrees of RFE shielding based on factors such as height, thickness, spread, and type of foliage. In addition, the seasonal condition of trees and their foliage may play a substantial role in the degree of RFE shielding; for example, trees that defoliate during the winter would provide less RFE shielding during that time. In contrast, during the summer when the foliage cover provided by trees was maximized, a higher degree of

Table E-6. Calculated Power Densities Past Wire Screen Shield

PAVE PAWS	Distance from radar	Maximum calculated 30-minute average Power Density (mW/cm²) ^(a) in front of the wire-screen	Comparison to IEEE/ANSI Standard	Maximum calculated 30-minute average Power Density (mW/cm²) ^(a) past the wire-screen shield (20 mil wire,	Comparison to IEEE/ANSI Standard
Site	(meters)	shield	(0.28 mW/cm ²)	1-inch opening)	(0.28 mW/cm ²)
Cape Cod AFS	439 ^(b)	0.006640	42 times lower	0.000246	1,134 times lower
Cape Cod AFS	1051 ^(c)	0.000786	356 times lower	0.0000291	9,612 times lower

Notes: (a) The current calculations assume that both radar faces are operating with a 25 percent duty cycle. The duty cycle is divided between surveillance mode (11 percent) and track mode (14 percent).

(b) On base, beginning of far field exposures.

(c) One of the nearest locations with likely opportunity for public exposure.

mW/cm² = milliwatts per square centimeter

shielding may result. Specific data from the Joint Spectrum Center (1981) indicated that the attenuation of radio waves by trees without leaves showed that the difference in loss was on the order of 4 to 6 dB within the 400-500 MHz frequency range. In addition to the Joint Spectrum Center's 1981 report, a study completed by the FCC showed an additional loss caused by leaves of 4.5 dB at 450 MHz. Therefore, combining data from both reports yields a potential attenuation of 8.5 to 10.5 dB (7 to 11 times reduction) during the summer months when leaves and foliage on trees are most prevalent.

Table E-7 provides data regarding the types of trees and the foliage porosity (foliage coverage) for the Cape Cod AFS SSPARS. Cape Cod AFS has a mixture of evergreen and deciduous trees that provide effective RFE shielding during the summer months due to their higher foliage porosity; however, several of the tree species have a porous foliage porosity during the winter months, which would provide less RFE shielding.

Table E-7. Tree Coverage Surrounding SSPARS Sites^(a)

	Categon	of Trees	Foliage Porosity ^(b)		
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Location	Scientific Name	Common Name	Summer Months	Winter Months	
	Pinus resinosa	Red Pine	Moderate	Moderate	
	Pinus rigida	Pitch Pine	Moderate	Moderate	
	Pinus strobulus	Eastern White Pine	Dense	Dense	
Cape Cod AFS	Pinus sylvestris	Scotch Pine	Dense	Dense	
	Quercus alba	White Oak	Dense	Porous	
	Quercus coccinea	Scarlet Oak	Dense	Porous	
	Quercus ilicifolia	Bear Oak	Moderate	Porous	
	Quercus velutina	Black Oak	Moderate	Porous	

Notes: (a) Source: (United States Department of Agriculture Internet site; http://plants/usda.gov, 2001).

(b) Foliage Porosity Definitions: Porous = 0-33% coverage Moderate = 34-66% coverage Dense = 67-100% coverage Using data from (Joint Spectrum Center, 1981) and (Federal Communications Commission, 2001), the attenuated power density for each SSPARS site was determined based on previous power density measurements (Table E-8).

Table E-8. Shielding Effects on Existing Power Density Measurements

PAVE PAWS Site	Distance from radar (Meters)	Maximum calculated 30-minute average Power Density (mW/cm²)(3)	Comparison to IEEE/ANSI Standard (0.28 mW/cm²)	Maximum calculated 30-minute average Power Density (mW/cm²) ^(a) Past Leafless Trees with 5 dB Attenuation	Comparison to IEEE/ANSI Standard (0.28 mW/cm²)	Maximum calculated 30-minute average Power Density (mW/cm ²) ^(a) Past Leafed Trees with additional 4.5 dB Attenuation	Comparison to IEEE/ANSI Standard (0.28 mW/cm²)
Cape	439 ^(b)	0.006640	42 times lower	0.00208	134 times lower	0.000743	375 times lower
Cod AFS	1,051 ^(c)	0.000786	356 times lower	0.000246	1,139 times lower	0.000088	3,189 times lower

Notes: (a) The current calculations assume that both radar faces are operating with a 25 percent duty cycle. The duty cycle is divided between surveillance mode (11 percent) and track mode (14 percent).

(b) On station, beginning of far field exposures.

(c) One of the nearest locations with likely opportunity for public exposure.

dB = decibel

mW/cm² = milliwatts per square centimeter

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APPENDIX F BIOEFFECTS OF RADIOFREQUENCY ENERGY

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Major difficulties exist in assessing the potential health hazards to man from exposure to radiofrequency energy (RFE) or microwave energy because of the highly complex relationship between the exposure conditions and the energy absorbed. The absorbed dose and rate of energy absorption depend critically on such variables as frequency, power density, field polarization, the size and shape of the exposed subject, and environmental factors. This appendix summarizes available information regarding RFE/microwave bioeffects including scientific/peer-reviewed studies completed by both electromagnetic (EM) energy research organizations and scientists related to the biological effects resulting from the interaction of RFE/microwave energy with biological matter and systems. References cited in the discussions below are listed in Appendix G.

F.1 RFE/MICROWAVE ENERGY PROPERTIES

RFE is defined arbitrarily as EM energy in the frequency range of 3 kilohertz (kHz) to 300 megahertz (MHz), whereas the arbitrary definition of microwaves includes EM energy whose frequencies range from 300 MHz to 3,000 gigahertz (GHz). EM waves consist of electrical and magnetic forces that move in consistent wave-like patterns at right angles to one another. The short wavelengths in the microwave frequency bands, on the order of millimeters to centimeters, contrast sharply with the much longer wavelengths, on the order of tens to hundreds of meters, in the RF portion of the EM spectrum.

When EM energy passes from one medium to another, it can be reflected, refracted, transmitted, or absorbed, depending on the biological system and the frequency of the energy (World Health Organization, 1981).

RFE and microwaves are forms of non-ionizing radiation, whereas x-rays and gamma rays are forms of ionizing radiation. The difference between the two types of radiation lies in the amount of energy each radiation contains, which is called *photon energy*. The unit of measure for photon energy is the electron volt (eV) or million electron volts (MeV). The photon energy carried by microwaves (non-ionizing radiation), such as those produced by the solid-state phased array radar system (SSPARS), is approximately 1.24 x 10⁻⁴ eV, whereas the photon energy contained in gamma rays (ionizing radiation) is approximately 1.24 x 10⁶ eV (or 1.24 MeV) (World Health Organization, 1981). Thus, the photon energy differences between non-ionizing and ionizing radiation may be on a scale of 10 orders of magnitude. This difference represents the ability of ionizing radiation to disassociate electrons from atoms or molecules, thus creating ions or charged particles, whereas non-ionizing radiation does not contain the amount of photon energy necessary to ionize atoms or molecules. This is the reason ionizing radiation can significantly damage biological systems, resulting in cancer and other forms of disease.

F.2 BIOEFFECTS FROM PHASED-ARRAY RADAR SYSTEMS

Phased-array radar systems, such as PAVE PAWS, have begun to replace the ever-present and recognizable rotating radar dishes, such as those commonly seen at airports. As this transformation progresses, questions have arisen about the human health effects that result from exposure to RFE/microwave energy emitted from phased-array radar systems. Jauchem (1996) reviewed several studies in which research was performed on populations or specific biological systems exposed to the energy produced by phased-array radar systems. Goldsmith (1996) has suggested that there may be risks to populations located in areas close to these systems, including those at Skrunda, Latvia, and at

SSPARS sites. The Skrunda radar operates between 156-162 MHz with average power density measurements in the surrounding residential areas not exceeding 0.01 milliwatts per square centimeter (mW/cm²) (Kalnins et al., 1996). The SSPARS at Cape Cod Air Force Station (AFS) operates between 420-450 MHz with average power densities (from the 1978 and 1986 measurements) several orders of magnitude below those from the Skrunda site (0.000061 mW/cm² or 163 times lower). Aschengrau and Ozonoff [1992] examined potential exposures to a number of environmental factors in relation to cancer incidence. They reported no association with RFE from the PAVE PAWS system at Cape Cod AFS, but indicated that the exposure data were inadequate. However, Malowicki (1981) and Everett et al. (1983) both concluded that SSPARS RFE does not present a hazard provided that personnel are excluded from the immediate area (the existing demarcated area in front of the radar faces). In compliance with both Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) RFE exposure standards, restricted access areas have been demarcated around the antenna face of the SSPARS, thus preventing inadvertent occupational overexposure in radar workers. Further, no public access is permitted near the radar system(s).

F.3 PUBLISHED BIOEFFECTS STUDIES

Since the introduction of conventional radar approximately 50 years ago, there has been an increasing use of radar and other sources of EM energy throughout our civilization. These sources serve a variety of purposes such as telecommunications, industrial production, transportation safety, military activities, medical applications, and home/residential equipment. As the use of EM energy sources has increased, so has the research into potential biological effects from those sources. As early as the 1940s and 1950s, research had begun into potential biological effects from EM energy resulting from acute occupational exposures. According to the National Research Council, "Data from experiments on biological systems indicate that exposure to low-intensity microwaves can have effects. But, on the basis of most of the available findings, the known or suspected effects are reversible and are not associated with increased human morbidity or mortality." Several known effects of exposure to microwaves and EM energy have been studied and are well documented, although much of the research into bioeffects has failed to document a correlation between cause and effect. Some of the documented effects and bioeffects include the following:

- Auditory effect
- Thermal heating effect
- Lenticular (ocular) effects
- Cardiovascular effects
- Reproductive system effects
- Cutaneous (Skin) effects
- Central nervous system effects
- Behavioral effects
- Teratogenic (fetal malformation) effects.

A review of published studies related to these effects will be discussed in the following sections, along with the details of each individual study and its findings. Following the review of the documented effects, additional published bioeffects studies will be discussed.

F.3.1 Auditory Effect

Experiments with animals and human volunteers have shown that energetic microwave pulses cause a hearing sensation perceived as buzzing, clicking, hissing, or knocking depending on the pulse parameters (National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements, 1986). The auditory effect can be evoked even by a single microwave pulse with an average power density below 0.1 mW/cm² (Puranen and Jokela, 1996). A review of existing literature related to the auditory effect, *Radiation Hazard Assessment of Pulsed Microwave Radars* by Puranen and Jokela, of the Finnish Center for Radiation and Nuclear Safety, was published in 1996. The review indicates that the microwave auditory effect is the only well-established specific effect, in realistic exposure situations, associated with pulsed microwave energy (Puranen and Jokela, 1996). Although some exposure standards are based on the threshold for the auditory effect (e.g., United Kingdom National Radiological Protection Board), existing exposure standards in the United States are not based on the auditory effect (e.g., IEEE). According to the IEEE standard, the auditory effect is not considered damaging or even annoying.

Another study of the microwave auditory effect, "Auditory Perception of Radio-frequency electromagnetic Fields", was completed by Chou and Guy (1982), in which they reviewed literature that described psychological, behavioral, and physiological as well as physical measurements pertinent to the microwave auditory effect. Chou and Guy (1982) concluded that the mechanism for the microwave auditory effect was thermoelastic expansion (the transformation of EM energy into acoustical energy), which was first proposed by Foster and Finch (1974). Microwave pulses impinging on the head initiate a thermoelastic wave of pressure in brain tissue that activates the inner ear receptors (cochlear) via bone conduction. This has now become the viewpoint supported by recent studies and the scientific community. Earlier studies by Frey (1961, 1962, 1963) provided the initial research into the microwave auditory effect (at the time it was referred to as a "phenomenon") and hypothesized that the effect was a result of the stimulation of the cochlea through electromechanical forces by air or bone conduction.

An additional study of the microwave auditory effect by Chou et al. (1985), "Auditory Response in Rats Exposed to 2450 MHz Electromagnetic Fields in a Circularly Polarized Waveguide," documented the dose-response relationship of the microwave auditory effect in rats. Varying pulse durations were monitored in conjunction with the fixed duty cycle, peak power, and the pulse repetition rate. Chou et al. (1982), confirmed that the amplitude of the auditory effect decreased as the pulse width and incident energy densities decreased. These responses were similar to the data from guinea pigs (Chou and Galambos, 1979), except that the latency of the peak auditory effect was shorter in rats.

Another study of the microwave auditory effect, *Microwave Hearing: Evidence for Thermoelastic Auditory Stimulation by Pulsed Microwaves*, by Foster and Finch (1974) provided the initial hypothesis relating the microwave auditory effect to thermoelastic expansion that precipitates a pressure wave detectable by the cochlea within the ear. This research studied the transformation of EM energy to acoustic energy in a liquid by surface heating, which resulted in the propagation of waves (transients) through the liquid. Using this research as a basis, Foster and Finch (1974) developed their hypothesis about thermoelastic expansion, which has since been widely accepted as the mechanism for the microwave auditory effect.

In conclusion, the microwave auditory effect is the only well established biological effect, in realistic exposure situations, associated with pulsed microwave energy. The above cited studies indicate that the microwave auditory effect is the result of a thermoelastic expansion caused by the impinging of microwave pulses on the head, which results in a wave of pressure in brain tissue that activates the inner ear receptors (cochlear) via bone conduction. This results in the subject perceiving a buzzing, clicking, hissing, or knocking depending on the pulse parameters. As noted by the National Research Council (1979), the microwave auditory effect is a reversible effect and is not associated with increased human

morbidity or mortality. Furthermore, many of these cited studies were carried out under conditions that were unrealistic exposure scenarios for the general public as many of the studies subjects were exposed to microwave energy levels exceeding the applicable general population standards set forth by IEEE. Although the IEEE standard is not based on the threshold for the microwave auditory effect, exclusion zones or restricted access areas near microwave sources prevent the general population from entering those areas where exposures may approach the threshold for the microwave auditory effect. Restricted access areas or exclusion zones around microwave sources are required by the IEEE standard; therefore, the IEEE standard does take into effect the auditory effect in this regard, not in the actual exposure standard. Puranen and Jokela (1996) indicated the microwave auditory effect can occur at power density levels as low as 0.1 mW/cm²; however, this level is significantly above exposure levels confirmed by previous measurements (e.g., measurements were in the microwatts per cm² (μ W/cm²) range, which is 100 times lower than the lowest threshold of 0.1 mW/cm² for the microwave auditory effect) in the general population areas surrounding the SSPARS.

F.3.2 Hyperthermia/Thermal Heating

The absorption of microwave energy often results in an increase in temperature. The microwave oven (which commonly operates at a frequency of 2450 MHz), commonly found in residential dwellings, offers an example of heating resulting from exposure to microwave energy. Numerous biological and pathophysiological effects have been attributed to temperature increases in the tissue resulting from absorption of microwave energy. If the rate of increase exceeds the ability of the thermoregulatory system of the subject to dissipate heat, hyperthermia (i.e., temperature increase to a level that can cause harm) will occur, followed by injuries such as burns, hemorrhaging, tissue necrosis, and death (Cleary, 1978). The influence of environmental conditions on hyperthermia induced by microwave exposure can be summarized as follows:

- Increasing ambient temperatures and humidity enhance thermal stress
- Increased air velocity decreases thermal stress.

Multiple animal studies have been completed to research the thermal heating effect that results from tissue exposure to microwaves, including the type of energy produced by the SSPARS. One such study was *Thermal Effects of Single and Repeated Exposures to Microwaves* by Michaelson (1973). Specifically, Michaelson (1973) studied the effects of thermal heating on dogs exposed to microwave frequencies of 2.86 GHz, 1.28 GHz, and 200 MHz and a power density of 165 mW/cm². After approximately 30 minutes of exposure at this level, a body temperature increase of 1°C to 1.4°C was observed. Eventually, the thermoregulatory system of the subject was unable to dissipate the heat rapidly enough and the subject succumbed.

Another study by Michaelson (1971) explored the influence of environmental conditions on thermal response to microwave exposure. Michaelson (1971) revealed that at an ambient temperature above 40.5°C, the subject's thermoregulatory system can maintain a normal body temperature, but was not able to cope with an additional thermal load produced by microwave exposure. However, at a lower ambient temperature (11°C), after an initial period of adaptation, the microwave energy does not significantly affect the subject's temperature (Michaelson, 1973).

In another study by McLees and Finch (1973), in which rats were exposed to 24 GHz and 300 mW/cm², it was shown that body cover also affected hyperthermia. Subjects with and without hair succumbed within 15.5 and 18.5 minutes, respectively, indicating that clothing could be expected to enhance the thermal effects of microwave energy, unless such clothing shielded from, or reflected microwave energy.

Other studies have suggested that blood circulation was considered to be an effective system for distribution of the heat generated throughout the body (Michaelson, 1971), and the thermal effects of microwaves in animals were mainly considered in terms of 'volume heating'. However, using phantom models (human or animal models used to estimate the Specific Absorption Rate (SAR) or amount of absorbed RFE in the body), Guy (1971, 1974) and Johnson and Guy (1972) developed thermographic techniques and demonstrated convincingly very nonuniform deposition of microwave energy, expected to result in nonuniform deep body heating. In physiological terms, this means that absorbed energy may cause local thermal stimulation or gross effects on different organs depending on the exposure level.

In conclusion, the thermal heating associated with microwave energy is the primary effect from which other biological effects and phenomena arise. However, many of the cited studies have exposed subjects to RFE/microwave fields that were several orders of magnitude more intense than any the general population could ever be exposed to as a result of operating the SSPARS. Although thermal heating is a mechanism for the microwave auditory effect, Foster and Finch (1974) determined that the maximum tissue temperature increase per microwave pulse was only 10⁻⁵ degrees Celsius (°C) (or 1/10,000°), a minute temperature variance. As a result, the microwave energy exposure standards promulgated by IEEE and adopted in the United States are based on the threshold for damage to a biological system from thermal heating. The existing standards focus on the SAR, which is defined as the rate of energy absorption per unit mass of an exposed object. For human subjects, the average SAR for exposures in the far-field (e.g., a region of the microwave energy field in which the general population would be exposed to SSPARS microwave energy) may reach a peak in the frequency range of 30-200 MHz. depending on various factors associated with the specific exposure situation (Johnson et al., 1976; Durney et al., 1978, 1980). Currently, the whole-body averaged SAR exposure limit for occupational exposures is 0.4 W/kg, while the general population whole-body averaged SAR exposure limit is 0.08 watts per kilogram (W/kg). These values are based on the whole-body averaged SAR threshold level of 4 W/kg, as averaged over the entire mass of the body, above which expert organizations have determined that potentially hazardous exposures may occur (Federal Communications Commission, 1997). The exposure limits have a safety factor of 10 and 50, respectively, built into the occupational and general population exposure standards.

F.3.3 Lenticular (Ocular) Effects

The Environmental Health Criteria 16: Radiofrequency and Microwaves, published by the WHO (World Health Organization, 1981), has documented the results of extensive studies on the lenticular effects resulting from RFE/microwave energy exposure. Much of the information provided below has been extracted from the referenced studies in WHO (1981). Studies on the effects of microwave energy on the eyes were carried out as early as 1948 (Richardson et al., 1974). Most animal studies have been conducted on the New Zealand white rabbit because its eye is similar to the human eye (World Health Organization, 1981). In one of the very few investigations of chronic, low-level exposure of rabbit's eyes (2 mW/cm² for 8 hours/day, 5 days a week for 8-17 weeks at 2.45 GHz), ocular changes were not observed up to three months after termination of exposure (Ferri and Hagan, 1976).

Studies have also been completed to determine whether a difference in cataractogenic potentials exists for pulses and continuous wave energy. When the cataractogenic power density levels for continuous wave and pulsed energy were compared at a few frequencies, no differences in the threshold levels for cataractogenesis (cataract-forming) were found (Carpenter and Van Ummersen, 1968; Carpenter, 1969; Birenbaum et al., 1969; Williams and Finch, 1974; Weiter et al., 1975). Based on these studies, the average power density, not the peak power density, appeared to be the critical field parameter in cataract induction. The WHO concluded the following, based on the available literature, related to the effects of microwave energy on the eye:

- Above 500 MHz (PAVE PAWS operates between 420-450 MHz), opacities of the eye may be produced when power densities exceed 150 mW/cm², if the duration of exposure is sufficiently long.
- Although ocular injury has not been reported at frequencies below 500 MHz, its possibility cannot be
 excluded.
- Injury to the eye from microwaves appears to be predominately thermal in nature, temperature gradients within the eye and the rate of heating being two major factors in the stress that leads to injury. Non-thermal effects cannot be excluded, but they alone do not appear to be sufficient to produce effects in the eye, although they may provide a necessary mechanism of interaction.
- Pulsed and continuous wave energy with the same average power density level seem to possess the same potential for cataract induction.
- Cataracts can be produced by repeated exposures to subthreshold power density levels. For this
 cumulative effect to occur, the exposure levels have to be sufficiently high that a slight but persistent
 injury is not fully repaired before another exposure takes place. However, if the time between
 exposures is sufficiently long for repair to take place, cumulative damage is not observed.

In addition to the WHO (1981), the National Research Council (1979) has reviewed existing literature on the lenticular effects microwave energy has on the human eye. A study by Shacklett et al. (1975), in which possible microwave induction of lenticular changes in Air Force personnel was evaluated, no statistically significant differences were observed in the incidences of opacities, vacuoles, and Posterior Subcapsular Iridescence between 447 exposed subjects and 340 control subjects was identified. In similar studies, Appleton et al. (1972, 1973, 1975) examined 1,500 military personnel working with microwave producing equipment and concluded that there were no differences in lenticular opacities, vacuoles, or Posterior Subcapsular Iridescence between microwave workers and unexposed persons of similar ages.

A number of individual case histories of microwave induction of cataracts have been reported (Hirsch and Parker, 1952; Kurz and Einaugler, 1968; Shimkovich and Shilyeav, 1959), but in all cases the exposures were well in excess of 100 mW/cm² (i.e., measurements surrounding the SSPARS are many orders of magnitude lower). Another study, Cogan et al. (1955), of possible relevance to the SSPARS hints at a lessening of cataractogenic efficiency at the comparatively low frequencies used in the investigation of cataract induction (e.g., 200, 385, and 468 MHz).

Overall, many of the cited studies that concluded cataract formation was a result of microwave exposure did so based on study parameters that involved exposure rates (i.e., power densities) well above regulatory exposure limits and, in some cases, many orders of magnitude above the measured power densities surrounding the SSPARS. The National Research Council (1979) concluded that "considering the radiation frequency and expected power densities associated with PAVE PAWS, the possibility of induction of cataracts in exposed members of the public is very small."

F.3.4 Cardiovascular Effects

A review of studies relating to cardiovascular effects resulting from exposure to microwaves was completed by the National Research Council (1979). A study by Edelwejn et al. (1974), concluded that no serious cardiovascular disturbances had ever been reported in man or experimental animals as a result of exposure to microwave energy. However, Gordon (1970) claimed that prolonged exposure (e.g., microwave energy wavelengths of centimeters and millimeters, average power densities of 0.1 to 10 mW/cm²) can produce marked disturbances in cardiac rhythm (bradycardia) and hypotonia (less than normal arterial tone). Although this study concluded that prolonged exposure to microwave energy did result in observable biological effects, Czerski and Siekierzynski (1974) reported that blood pressure of workers routinely exposed to power densities less than 1 mW/cm² did not differ significantly from that of unexposed control subjects.

Another review of studies relating to cardiovascular effects resulting from exposure to microwave energy was completed by WHO (1981). Functional damage to the cardiovascular system as manifested by hypotonus, bradycardia, delayed auricular and ventricular conductivity, and flattening of electrocardiogram (EKG) waves has been reported, by several former Soviet Union clinicians, to result from chronic exposure of workers to RFE fields (Gordon [1970, 1976]; Tjagin [1971]; Baranski and Czerski [1976]). Although these studies may have some relevance to an occupational exposure setting, the National Research Council (1979) states "the long-term, low-level intensity effects reported in some Eastern European publications have no discernable application to exposure conditions associated with the operation of PAVE PAWS." Furthermore, the National Research Council (1979) concluded that "the probability is very low that low-intensity microwave radiation has adverse cardiovascular effects on exposed humans."

Another review of literature (Jauchem, 1996) related to cardiovascular bioeffects in humans resulting from RFE exposure cited multiple studies and concluded that no obvious cardiovascular-related hazards existed from acute or long-term exposure to RFE at or below current exposure standards. One study, by Bortkiewicz et al. (1995), indicated "measurable effects in the heart rate variability and blood pressure parameters" in workers at AM broadcasting stations as compared with a control population; however, none could be assigned clinical significance. Data from the study indicated that measured parameters (i.e., EKG, heart rate, heartbeat duration, heart-rate variability, and blood pressure) did not significantly differ between the RFE-exposed and control groups. Djordjević et al. (1979), measured cardiovascular parameters in 322 radar workers (all exposed to pulsed microwaves) and a control group of 220 persons; no parameters differed between the two groups. Robertson and Michaelson (1985) reviewed epidemiological studies of humans exposed to RFE and concluded that no "identifiably serious" cardiovascular disturbances have been seen as a result of RFE exposure.

As cited by Jauchem (2000), Toler et al. (1988) studied the effects of chronic low-level microwave exposure on cardiovascular parameters in Spraque-Dawley rats. Exposure to pulsed 435 MHz (center frequency for the PAVE PAWS radar system) microwave energy 22 hours per day, 7 days per week, for 6 months resulted in no differences in heart rate and blood pressure between microwave- and shamexposed animals. Estimated whole-body absorption rates ranged from 0.04 to 0.4 W/kg.

Another cardiovascular system related effect addresses the effect pulsed microwave energy may produce on cardiac pacemakers. Mitchell (1975) reported an extensive study on the interference of cardiac pacemakers from radar-like pulses, including those operating at frequencies of 450 MHz. Adverse effects to pacemakers, occurring as a direct result of EM interference, consist of the following:

- Pacemaker rate falls below 50 beats per minute (bpm)
- Pacemaker rate exceeds 125 bpm.

Mitchell (1975) indicated, that based on results from the study, the interference problems should be eliminated with design improvements in newer pacemaker models. However, older, susceptible pacemakers may be affected by exposure to PAVE PAWS energy fields, especially near the exclusion area (within Air Force controlled property, where no public access is possible). Furthermore, the National Research Council (1979) indicates that the scanning mode of the PAVE PAWS radar beam would be expected to induce only transient pacemaker interference, rather than a complete cessation of operation or a continual increase in rate exceeding 125 bpm.

In conclusion, effects to the cardiovascular system resulting from exposure to microwave energy have not been clearly explained and many studies have presented conflicting conclusions. Although some studies have shown an observable effect, the significance and causal-relationship cited by many of these studies have been refuted upon further peer review. Based on the advancement of medical science since 1975, current pacemaker models should not be significantly affected by RFE. In addition, the power densities cited by many of these studies were orders of magnitude higher than the measured energy levels surrounding the SSPARS; therefore, the applicability, and the attributed effects, of these studies to PAVE PAWS is unwarranted. This position is further supported by the National Research Council (1979).

F.3.5 Reproductive System Effects

Available information regarding the effects RFE/microwave energy has on the male and female reproductive systems is limited. Relevant information from WHO (1981) stated that reports of sterility or infertility from exposure to microwaves were questionable. No changes in the fertility of radar workers were found by Barron and Baraff (1958). Another study, Marha et al. (1971), attributed decreased spermatogenesis, altered sex ratio of births, menstrual pattern changes, congenital effects in newborn babies, and decreased lactation to the occupational exposure of mothers to RFE. According to the Marha et al. (1971) report, such effects occurred at power densities exceeding 10 mW/cm². Since these reported effects occurred at power densities several orders of magnitude above the measured power densities surrounding the SSPARS, it is doubtful that similar effects would be produced as a result of exposure to SSPARS energy. Furthermore, the Marha et al. (1971), study reported on females occupationally exposed (as a result of their employment and/or work function) to RFE; therefore, the plausibleness of these effects occurring in a general population exposure scenario is doubtful.

Jauchem [1996] cited several studies related to RFE/microwave exposure and reproductive system effects. One of these studies, Taskinen et al. (1990), concluded that microwave energy exposure did not significantly affect spontaneous abortion rates. Larsen (1991) found no significant associations between pregnancy outcome and exposure to high-frequency EM energy in the first month of pregnancy. A study by Ouellet-Hellstrom and Stewart (1993) indicated that "women who reported using microwave diathermy at the time of conception were at an increased risk of miscarriage..."; however, the odds ratio from this study was questionable, thus the existence of bias could not be ruled out. In addition, The International Commission on Non-lonizing Radiation Protection (1998) summarized epidemiological studies of microwave exposures and concluded that "the studies yielded no convincing evidence that typical exposure levels lead to adverse reproductive outcomes or an increased cancer risk in exposed individuals." WHO (1981) cited Baranski and Czerski (1976) in their review of testicular damage and reduced spermatogenesis, specifically as a result of microwave exposure, and concluded that no serious effects should be expected at power density levels below 10 mW/cm².

Overall, studies have not confirmed a biologically significant causal-relationship between RFE/microwave exposure and detrimental effects to the human reproductive system. Although some studies have suggested that observable effects may be produced by exposure to RFE/microwave energy, the relevance of these studies to the exposure of the general population surrounding the SSPARS is remote because of the high power density levels used.

F.3.6 Cutaneous (Skin) Effects

A review of literature regarding the exposure of skin to RFE/microwave energy was completed by Heynick and Polson (1996), "Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Radiation: A Review Pertinent to Air Force Operations." Studies were completed on both human (volunteer) and animal skin surfaces to determine what, if any, observable and detrimental effect(s) could be ascertained. Justesen et al. [1982] determined that a sensory adaptation occurs during longer skin exposures, versus shorter skin exposures, because the warmth sensation fades before the end of an exposure. Justesen et al. (1982), suggested that if this sensory adaptation is a general property of RFE-heating, it may account for the difficulty of rodents (from other RFE studies) to learn to escape from or avoid high levels of RFE.

Heynick and Polson (1996) concluded that the high threshold power densities for cutaneous perception of RFE found by Hendler (1963, 1968) and coworkers and by Justesen et al. (1982), particularly those at 2.45 GHz and 3.0 GHz (at which penetration is relatively deep), indicates that such perception may not occur at RFE power densities well above those in the current exposure guidelines. Therefore, the absence of such perception during RFE-exposure at such higher levels should not be taken as indicative of the safety of such exposures.

F.3.7 Central Nervous System Effects

A report, Jauchem (2000), presented at the 1999 NATO Research and Technology Organization (RTO) Human Factors and Medicine Panel (HFM) symposium on "Countering the Directed Energy Threat: Are Closed Cockpits the Ultimate Answer?" reviewed multiple studies performed by Western researchers and researchers in the former Soviet Union on effects to the human central nervous system from RFE exposure. Jauchem (2000) cited a human study (Reite et al., 1994), which used fairly low-level 27.12 MHz RFE with 42.7 Hz modulation (peak SAR of 0.1-100 mW/kg in brain) that had pronounced effects on sleep patterns, including a hypnotic effect. However, Röschke and Mann (1997) detected no difference in awake electroencephalograms of humans exposed to microwave energy from digital mobile radiotelephones (e.g., power density of 0.05 mW/cm²). In another study, Herman and Hossman (1997) reviewed studies, including those using humans, and found no evidence that non-thermal microwave exposure related to mobile communication resulted in any neurological risks.

Former Soviet Union and Eastern European researchers described central nervous system effects in workers who manufactured, maintained, and operated RFE-generating equipment (Baranski and Czerski, 1976; Gordon, 1970; Sadchikova, 1974). These studies cited that long-term, low-level (less than a few mW/cm²) exposures were reported to result in symptoms that were collectively described as a "microwave syndrome." The symptoms were relatively subjective and included irritability, sleepiness, difficulties in concentration, loss of memory, and emotional instability. Sadchikova (1974) showed that these symptoms were reversible after exposure was discontinued. Rayman (1995) noted that, although "radiowave sickness" (i.e., mentioned earlier as "microwave syndrome") has often been described in Eastern Europe, it has not been demonstrated in the West.

WHO (1981) cites multiple animal studies in which effects to the central nervous system, as a result of RFE exposure, were evaluated. Tolgaskaya et al. (1962), and Tolgaskaya and Gordon (1973) reported that brain hyperemia (i.e., abnormally large blood supply), pyknosis (i.e., cellular thickening), and vacuolization (i.e., formation of cavities within the cell protoplasm) of nerve cells were observed in rats repeatedly exposed for 75 days to microwave energy with wavelengths of 3 and 10 centimeters (PAVE PAWS microwave energy has wavelengths of 66.62-71.38 centimeters) at high power densities (40-100 mW/cm²). These effects were less pronounced following exposures at 10-20 mW/cm² and with exposure to microwaves with a wavelength of 3 centimeters compared with wavelengths of 10 centimeters at the same power density. The effects were reversible, several days after termination of the experiment.

Although much of the literature on central nervous system effects may provide contradictory conclusions as to the resulting effect of exposure, the National Research Council (1979) determined that "whatever the effects of exposure on the human central nervous system are, it is not known whether the effects are deleterious to health." The National Research Council (1979) concluded that the effects of low-level exposure of the general population (members of the public), on the basis of available data and the known interaction mechanisms with biologic systems, would be reversible or transient; therefore, the possible exposure effects of PAVE PAWS should be restricted to transient, reversible functional alterations in the central nervous system that may or may not be perceived by the exposed individuals.

F.3.8 Behavioral Effects

Jauchem (2000) cited multiple animal studies that attempted to determine what, if any, behavioral effects resulted from exposure to RFE/microwave energy. D'Andrea and Cobb (1987) examined fixed-interval and reaction-time performance in Long-Evans rats exposed to 1.3 GHz microwave pulses. Significant effects were observed only at high average power levels that would cause tissue heating. D'Andrea et al. (1992), also found that localized exposure (1.3 GHz and peak power of 3.06 MW) to the heads of rhesus monkeys caused changes in performance of a vigilance task only at average SARs in the head of 16 W/kg or greater. The D'Andrea et al. (1992), study used a microwave frequency approximately 3 orders of magnitude greater than the SSPARS and a peak power approximately 5 orders of magnitude greater than that of the SSPARS system. D'Andrea et al. (1989a), investigated three distinct behavioral components in trained rhesus monkeys exposed to 1.3 GHz pulses at a peak power density of 132 W/cm²; there were no significant changes in behavior. D'Andrea et al. (1989b), found no effect of high peak power microwave pulses at 2.37 GHz on vigilance performance in rhesus monkeys. Another study, D'Andrea et al. (1994), reported that 5.62 GHz high peak power microwave pulses (2.52 kW/cm²) did not alter behavioral responses in rhesus monkeys any differently than exposure to conventional radar pulses (0.277 kW/cm²) that produced equal whole-body average SARs. A study by Walter et al. [1995] investigated the possible behavioral effects of acute exposure to high peak power microwave pulses and showed no changes in a functional observational battery and a swimming performance test.

WHO (1981) cited multiple animal studies that attempted to determine what, if any, behavioral effects resulted from exposure to RFE/microwave energy. One study, Thomas et al. (1975), indicated that microwave energy was found to affect the behavior of rats conditioned to respond to multiple schedules of reinforcement. However, Roberti et al. (1975) did not find any difference in the spontaneous motor activity of rats after exposure to power densities ranging from 0.5-26 mW/cm². A study by Scholl and Allen (1979) indicated that exposure to continuous microwave energy (1.2 GHz and average power densities of 10-20 mW/cm²) did not affect skilled motor performance in monkeys even when the animals were positioned for maximum energy deposition in the brain.

In conclusion, Cleary (1977) summarized that it is difficult to evaluate the significance of microwave-induced behavioral effects because of the general lack of quantitative correlation between thermal effects at low power densities and responses at the physiological or psychological levels of analysis.

F.3.9 Teratogenic Effects (Teratogenesis)

A review of literature regarding the teratogenic effects of RFE/microwave energy was completed by Heynick and Polson (1996), "Radiofrequency Radiation and Teratogenesis: A Comprehensive Review of Literature Pertinent to Air Force Operations." Heynick and Polson (1996) cited multiple studies related to the promotion of congenital anomalies or teratogenesis as a result of exposure to RFE. One such study, Sigler et al. (1965), sought a possible relationship between the occurrence of Down's Syndrome ("mongolism") and presumed exposure of the fathers to RFE from radars during military service. Sigler et al. [1965], suggested that the fathers of the children with Down's Syndrome previously did have excess radar exposure or a larger proportion of military experience, although this suggestion was not supported as statistically significant. A follow-on study by Cohen et al. (1977) of the same group, with additional subjects, did not confirm the suggestions that the fathers had excess radar exposure or a larger proportion of military experience.

Other studies such as Peacock et al. (1971 and 1973), endeavored to assess whether the incidence of birth defects in Alabama could be associated with proximity of military bases. Peacock et al. (1973), concluded that the abnormally high number of fetal deaths "constituted evidence that the problem may be associated with radar." However, Burdeshaw and Schaffer (1977) reexamined the data from the Peacock et al. (1971 and 1973), studies with regards to Down's Syndrome and amended the conclusions to indicate negative findings and no statistically significant causal-relationship between Down's Syndrome and RFE exposure.

WHO (1981) drew conclusions related to the genetic (teratogenesis) effects to cells from exposure to microwave energy based on a review of existing literature at the time. These conclusions were:

- Chromosomal aberrations and mitotic alterations can be produced by microwaves at high power
 densities where thermal mechanisms play a definite role; however, there are many conflicting reports,
 and some doubts remain as to whether these effects can occur at lower power densities.
- Studies at the cellular and subcellular level are important for understanding basic interaction mechanisms. Chromosomal aberrations and mitotic alterations are potential early indications of biological changes and may reflect a response of specific tissue, but not genetic injury in the organism.
- Recent studies on cell proliferation and capacity to synthesize DNA indicate that power densities
 sufficient to produce thermal damage are necessary for effects to appear. This is shown by
 experiments comparing the effects of both water baths and microwave exposure. Exposure of
 animals to resonant frequencies (e.g., 2,450 MHz for mice) could be expected to induce effects at low
 power densities because a larger proportion of the incident energy is absorbed and converted to heat.

Heynick and Polson (1996) concluded that of the nine studies reviewed, collectively those studies provide no scientifically credible evidence that chronic exposure of mothers during pregnancy or of fathers to RFE at levels at or below the IEEE (1992) maximum exposure guidelines would cause any anomalies in their offspring. Furthermore, the National Research Council (1979) concurs saying "there is no evidence of significant microwave-induced genetic effects in humans."

F.4 BIOEFFECTS RELATED TO NON-HUMAN SPECIES

In an effort to evaluate the RFE teratogenesis in non-human species, multiple studies were conducted over the past several decades on non-human species such as insects and birds. These two groups were chosen for their termed "incubation" developmental stages, specifically, the pupae stage for many insects and the egg stage for avians (i.e., birds). These "incubation" stages provided a developmental stage in which to study the effect of RF exposure and an attempt to link any resulting teratogenic effects to RFE.

F.4.1 Published RFE Bioeffects Studies on Insects

Many studies to examine the RFE teratogenesis on insects, specifically the pupae of the darkling beetle (Tenebrio *molitor*) were completed in the 1970s (Heynick and Polson, 1996). In an early study, Carpenter and Livstone (1971) exposed single pupae to 10 GHz RFE for two hours at 17 mW/cm² (e.g., estimated SAR of 40 W/kg) or at 68 mW/cm² (SAR of 160 W/kg) for 20 or 30 minutes. As representative results, about 20 percent of pupae exposed at the lower RFR level developed into normal beetles; about 4 percent died and 76 percent had gross abnormalities. Approximately 75 percent of the pupae heated conventionally to the temperature reached at 17 mW/cm² developed into normal beetles, leading the authors to conclude that abnormal development of RFR-exposed pupae could not be explained as a thermal effect.

Lindauer et al. (1974) exposed groups of Tenebrio *molitor* pupae to 9 GHz continuous wave RFE at a level of 17.1 mW/cm² for two hours in an attempt to verify the findings of Carpenter and Livstone (1971). Although some RFR-related differences were significant (p<0.05), no clear dependence of effect on dose rate or total dose was found. Also, no significant differences in results were shown between pulsed and continuous wave RFE at the same average power density.

Liu et al. (1975) extended this work at 9 GHz and found significant teratogenesis for two hour exposures at power densities as low as about 0.17 mW/cm². In yet another study, Olsen (1981) exposed groups of Tenebrio *molitor* pupae to a standing-wave, 6 GHz field for varying time periods yielding a constant total dosage of 1123 Joules per gram (J/g). The results of the control experiment showed no morphological defects, in sharp contrast to the relatively large incidence of anomalies observed in control pupae by Liu et al. (1975). Olsen (1982) suggested the existence of a hyperthermia threshold of approximately 40°C for deleterious effects on Tenebrio *molitor* pupae.

Thus, Heynick and Polson (1996) point out in contrast with the findings of Carpenter and Livstone (1971), Lindauer et al. (1974), and Liu et al. (1975), the results of the various studies by Olsen (not all of the studies by Olsen that are cited by Heynick and Polson [1996] are reported here) and coworkers indicated that the deleterious effects of RFE on the darkling beetle were thermally based, and that non-RFE factors could have influenced the differences in findings in the prior studies.

F4.2 Published RFE Bioeffects on Avians

Byman et al. (1985) did a study related to the Glaser (1968) concept of the satellite power system (SPS). SPS is a satellite in geostationary orbit for converting solar power into microwaves (2.45 GHz) and beaming that power to a suitable site on the earth's surface, where the power would be received by an array of antennas and then transmitted to the population via conventional high-power lines. Power densities would vary from about 1 mW/cm² at the edge of the array to 233 mW/cm² at the center of the array. This study sought to determine whether bird nests on the receiving antenna array would be adversely affected by exposure to the RFE, specifically egg hatchability and embryo development. The Japanese quail (*Coturnix japonica*) was used as the test subject. Differences in egg-mass loss,

hatchability, and chick weights did not vary significantly at an SAR of 12.5 W/kg and no abnormalities were observed. However, hatchability was much lower at an SAR of 50 W/kg and varied significantly.

Hamrick and McRee (1975) exposed eight 4x5 arrays of Coturnix *japonica* eggs to 2.45 GHz RFE at a level of 30 mW/cm² and an SAR of 14 W/kg, while a sham-exposed group was also used. The differences between the RFE and the sham-exposed groups were all nonsignificant except for hemoglobin, which was about 4 percent lower for the RFE exposed group than the sham-exposed group.

Various studies with Japanese quail eggs were carried out by McRee et al. (1975), Hamrick and McRee (1975), McRee and Hamrick (1977), Hamrick et al. (1977), Inouye et al. (1982), McRee et al. (1983), Byman et al. (1985), Gildersleeve et al. (1987), and Spiers and Baummer (1991). All of those studies were done with 2.45 GHz RFE, and the SARs ranged from 3.2 to 25 W/kg. The endpoints included hatchability, hatchling weights, viability, and the incidences of abnormalities. The findings showed no significant differences between RFE-exposed and sham-exposed eggs in any endpoints except when RFE-exposure raised internal egg temperatures by a few degrees above normal incubation temperatures. An important difference between RFE-exposure and maintenance of eggs at the same surface temperature by conventional means is the non-uniform spatial internal-temperature distribution in RFE-exposed eggs, with consequent higher local temperatures within them (Heynick and Polson, 1996).

Chicken and turkey eggs were also studied by Fisher et al. (1979), Saito et al. (1991), Braithwaite et al. (1991), Hills et al. (1974), Hall et al. (1982), and Hall et al. (1983). Collectively, the various studies on Japanese quail, chickens, and turkeys also yielded RFE-related effects ascribable to significant temperature increases in the exposed specimens (Heynick and Polson, 1996). No credence can be given to the results of a few of the studies because of inadequate methodology and/or dosimetry (Heynick and Polson, 1996).

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